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Council Kills Tax Deal With Berk. Power

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

In a decisive vote, Town Council shut the door on the opening of tax treaty talks with Berkshire Power at its meeting held on Tuesday night.

The vote was 7-3 against a resolution submitted by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson seeking to determine if the council supported the idea of negotiating a payment in-lieu-of-tax (PILOT) agreement with the developers of the \$185 million gas-fired power plant on Moylan Lane.

In the wake of the council's action, Johnson will officially notify Berkshire Power that the town is not interested in discussing a PILOT agreement, even though he still believes the town would have benefited from a tax treaty.

"I respect the council's decision," Johnson said. "I know it is based on what they think is best for the town."

Speaking on behalf of Berkshire Power's owners, Power Development President Michael Armitage said, "I'm very disappointed for the taxpayers of Agawam. We believe a PILOT is in their, and our, best interest. To do standard taxation would mean paying a higher valuation in the beginning, but having it depreciate fairly quickly. That doesn't make sense for Berkshire Power or for the taxpayers because it increases the cost of power and decreases the payments to the town."

In March, Johnson received a letter from Berkshire Power Project Manager Kenneth Roberts expressing the power company's interest in reopening negotiations on a PILOT agreement with the town. To avoid wasting time and money on a pointless negotiation, Johnson said he would not begin the negotiation process unless Town Council agreed that it was in the town's best interest to explore the possibility of reaching a PILOT agreement with Berkshire Power.

Voting against negotiations on a tax treaty were Council President Donald Rheault, Council Vice-President Robert Magovern, and Councilors Gary Geiger, Edward Caba, Gina Letellier, George Bitzas, and John Negrucci. In favor were Councilors Nancy Thompson, Jill Simpson, and Robert Young. Councilor Dennis Perry was absent.

The Legacy Of The Four-Year Battle...

The legacy of the four-year battle between the power developers and opponents of the project, combined with the belief that all businesses should be taxed in the same way, overcame arguments in favor of exploring all options in order to get the best deal for the town.

Some councilors said they would not support negotiating a tax treaty until the emergency evacuation plan prepared by Berkshire Power has been approved by the fire chief, and until the company drops its libel suit against opponents of the plant. Other councilors said it was not fair to other businesses in town to give special tax treatment to Berkshire Power.

Remembering Lisa Ziegert...



TOWNSPEOPLE GATHERED TOGETHER last Wednesday evening, April 15th, at Veterans' Green in Agawam Center for this year's memorial service in honor of Lisa Ziegert. The solemn ceremony marked the sixth anniversary of Lisa's tragic death. (See related photo on Page 5.) Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



NO TAX DEAL - from Page 1...

Rheault said the issue for the council to decide was whether the council believes a PILOT agreement is the best method of assessing the plant, or if the council believes the plant should be taxed under regular procedures. Rheault said the libel suit and the evacuation plan were not relevant to the issue of negotiating a PILOT agreement.

"I don't believe there's any reason Berkshire Power should get a tax break since there are several businesses in town who would like to know what they'll be paying in advance," Rheault said. "They should pay their fair share of taxes like anybody else."

While he would not support a PILOT agreement until the libel suit is dropped and the evacuation plan is approved, Young said, "We would be doing a disservice to the town if we didn't look at some of the alternatives."

Councilor Thompson supported negotiation on a tax treaty as an opportunity for the town to explore all the options and aspects of the situation. "It behooves us to leave no stone unturned," Ms. Thompson said.

But, Magovern said the power plant should get "no special treatment."

Councilor Gina Letellier rejected the resolution as a sham. "The Mayor doesn't need our approval. This is his way and Berkshire Power's way of testing the waters."

Keenan Supports Legislation That Will Prohibit Raids On Public Pension Funds

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan has added his support to legislation that will prohibit raids on public pension funds to balance budgets.

This legislation will also protect public pension funds from any negative administrative changes.

"A person's pension is theirs," Keenan said, "and should not be tampered with or altered because of an organization's mismanagement or

Brushing aside the notion of a sham, Johnson said the purpose of the resolution was evident. "The resolution served its purpose," Johnson said. "It would have been fruitless to negotiate if the majority of the council doesn't support the idea of a PILOT agreement. I just didn't want to go through what we went through the last time."

Two years ago, Town Council refused to consider the PILOT agreement of \$1.1 million, escalating at three percent annually, that had been worked out between the Mayor and the power developers. That document was to have been the starting point for negotiations (had the council been interested).

Under Standard Taxation...

Under standard taxation, Armitage assumes the plant would start out paying real and property taxes of \$1.8 to \$2 million a year on a depreciating scale. Under a PILOT agreement, the power company would start out paying a lower figure that would increase over the life of the agreement.

Without knowing how Berkshire Power arrived at its estimate of what they would be assessed in property taxes, Johnson couldn't agree that they would be taxed at less than \$2 million a year.

"What the power plant will be ultimately valued at will be the work of experts hired by the town and experts hired by Berkshire Power," Johnson said. "It's too early in the process to estimate what they would be valued at, but the impending

administrative changes. I can't believe that this is even an issue."

Changes will soon affect Hampden County government and the Hampden County Retirement System. However, employees or former employees that receive a pension from the Hampden County Retirement System will see no change or impact on the pension they receive.

May 4, 1998 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA with regard to a petition, regarding Berkshire Power's Proposed Evacuation Plan for those living near the proposed Power Plant.

Ursula Retzler

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PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF AGAWAM

In accordance with Article 8, Section 8-1(b) of the Agawam Town Charter, the Agawam Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday,

sale of power plants by Northeast Utilities will help set the full and fair market value."

In addition to the selling price for power plants in a restructured electric industry as a means of arriving at fair market value, Johnson said the State Department of Revenue is expected to issue a set of regulations on valuing power plants.

Predicting that it will be 15 to 20 years before we know if the town made the best choice, Johnson said, "Time will be the ultimate judge."

Armitage predicted that over time, taxpayers would find that a PILOT agreement would have been in their best interest.

"It's generally accepted that for the first five years property taxes would be higher, but after that they will depreciate quickly," Armitage said.

Although he doesn't expect Berkshire Power to bring the issue back to the bargaining table, Armitage said the possibility of another round of negotiations on a PILOT agreement still exists if the council indicates a willingness.

"For the next 15 to 16 months, we'll be working with our consultants and attorneys to develop our taxation methodology and we'd be willing to go into negotiations," Armitage said. "But, once the plant becomes operational, it will no longer be in our investors' best interest to negotiate a PILOT."

Armitage said his company offered an olive branch to the parties in their libel suit seven months ago, promising to drop the litigation if plant opponents dropped their countersuits.

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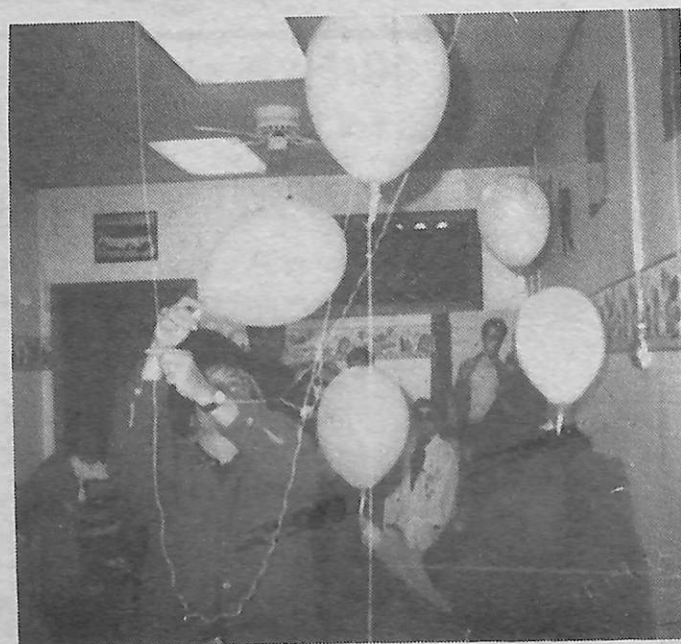
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Letters To The Editor

In Appreciation Of A Most Holy Week At Sacred Heart

To The Editor:

Once again, we at Sacred Heart Church have been privileged to share our Lenten journey culminating in a most Holy Week.

How blessed we are to have a pastoral staff — and all who assist them — who are willing to give so much time and talent in hard work and prayerful preparation to make this such a special time of reflection and renewal.

Through those efforts, we experienced through word and symbol the meaning of the Lenten readings.

We watch the dusty sandals move slowly toward the rugged cross up on the hillside. We saw the tomb prepared to receive the body of Our Lord.

An additional faith experience was offered through the Masses, video presentation, and faith sharing, prepared and presented in cooperation with all the Catholic Churches in Agawam.

On Holy Thursday, we were reminded through words, actions, songs, and symbols of God's precious gifts to us: His Son, our faith, the Eucharist, our earth, and each other.

The humble homily and gift of loaves of bread emphasized the call to dedicate our lives in service to others. We were given the opportunity "...to watch one hour ..." in adoration in a most prayerful beautiful setting.

On Good Friday morning, there was a dramatic re-enactment of The Way of the Cross to bring alive the meaning of the passion and crucifixion of Jesus Christ for our parish children.

On Good Friday-evening, we gathered to the solemn beating of a solitary drum and witnessed the prostrate forms of our pastoral staff as they offered the "simple gift of a humble and contrite heart."

The dramatically moving and beautiful homily in the darkened church will be long long remembered and will sustain us in those times of suffering and self-doubt that we all experience.

Many eyes were filled with tears as we again felt the solemn drum beat in chorus with the sounds of the axe, chopping down the rugged cross which was placed beside the tomb.

On Saturday, the food was blessed. The food that we would share with Easter joy and thanksgiving with those we love.

At the Easter Vigil, the light shone from the empty tomb and hundreds of hand-held candles, as we rejoiced in the creation, the resurrection, the singing of the Alleluias, and in receiving so many new members into our faith and church family.

During the Easter Masses, the beauty of God's creation was all around us through the flowers around the altar and the hundreds of faces that filled our church.

For all of this — and all that happens in our

parish throughout the year — I want to express my deepest appreciation to Fr. Tatro, Deacon Jim Martone, and Sr. Eileen; to Jeannette Denoncourt and the choirs for their awe-inspiring music; and to the custodian and those who assist him in keeping our church and its surroundings looking so beautiful and do all the extra work associated with special events.

My thanks to the rectory staff who take care of all the daily details, and the religious educators who are preparing our children to continue this faith which give such hope and comfort.

My appreciation to the gifted liturgical artists whose extraordinary altar decorations we have come to take for granted; to the Parish Council and all who minister (lectors, ushers, cantors, and ministers of the eucharist); and to all who come to share in daily and weekly worship.

Thank you to those volunteers who reach out to those in need, from our parish family to the greater community.

May God's peace be with you all.

Gratefully,
A parishioner

Veterans' Council To Hold 2nd Flag Day Golf Tournament

To The Editor:

Sunday, June 14th at 8:00 a.m., the Agawam Veterans' Council will be holding its second Annual Flag Day Golf Tournament at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course.

Last year was a great success, made possible by the combined efforts of community businesses, council members, and the many golfers who came out to play. It helped us get started with the enormous task of raising funds to build a Veterans' Honor Roll.

This project is not just another monument. It is living testimony to each and every wartime veteran who lived in Agawam at the time of entering military service dating back to the Revolutionary War, a span of 220 years of the Town's history.

But we won't stop there. Plans are being made to have sufficient room to add the names of those future vets from the next century. Countless hours have been spent by Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas, her staff, and council volunteers researching the records for accuracy.

I am sure you will be as astounded at their work as I was. This was certainly no easy task. However, we still need your help. Come join your friends and neighbors for a day of fun, food, and prizes and know that your participation has helped bring us closer to our goal of dedicating this monument by Memorial Day 1999.

Tickets are \$55 per person, which includes a continental breakfast, greens' fee, golf cart, and BBQ after the game. Your ticket is also good for entry into the door prize raffle! They can be obtained by calling Ruth at the Dept. of Veterans' Services in the Town Hall at (413) 786-0400, ext. 236.

If you are a business owner who wants to help, give us a call! Gold sponsorship is \$300, golf cart sign sponsorships are \$50, and tee signs are \$100. We are gladly accepting donations or prizes for our raffle.

Thank you again and we'll see you there!!

Respectfully,
Christopher N. Sanchez
Golf Tournament Chairman

FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano Fire Sprinklers Provide Protection In Your Home!

The vast majority of people who die in fires in the United States are children and the elderly, both of whom are often unable to escape on their own. Now, fire sprinklers systems installed in the home can protect not only those people who need assistance escaping a fire, but the entire family.

The Agawam Fire Department says that by installing a home fire sprinkler system, you are providing a type of 24-hour, automatic fire protection.

A fire may smoulder for hours, but once the first flame appears, it may take only two minutes for the fire to spread to the contents, walls, and ceiling of an entire room. However, in a room protected by a fire sprinkler system, the heat from the fire would cause the sprinkler to spray water to extinguish or confine the fire until the fire department arrives.

Statistics show that sprinkler systems save lives and reduce fire damages by over 80 percent in some cases. Sprinklers have been used in commercial buildings for many years. The combined new technology of a quick-response sprinkler head, the reduced expense of installation, the use of plastic pipe, and the ability to blend the sprinkler into the decor of a room, have all helped to increase the popularity and use of home sprinkler systems.

They are being included in plans for new homes, as well as being added to existing construction. Tests of these new systems show that sprinkler heads respond to fire in as little as 35 seconds. When coupled with smoke detectors, they provide early warning and early extinguishment.

Frequent questions concerning home sprinklers include the following:

- Will the sprinklers go off accidentally? Research shows an accidental discharge due to a manufacturing defect is one in 16,000,000 sprinklers per year in service.

- If one sprinkler head goes off, will they all activate? Sprinkler heads are designed to react to temperatures in each room individually. Normally, only the sprinkler over the fire will activate.

- If the sprinkler system activates, will my house sustain severe water damage? Tests show that damage caused by water from a sprinkler is much less than damage cause by fire department hose streams.

- Aren't sprinklers too expensive to install? A 2,000-square-foot home under construction can be protected by a sprinkler system costing as little as \$1,500 to \$2,000.

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*Unanimous Vote Taken At Meeting...***Planning Board Approves Preliminary Site Plan For State-Run Veterans' Cemetery**by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

In a unanimous vote at their meeting last Thursday night, the Planning Board approved the preliminary site plan for the first state-run Veterans' Cemetery to be built on the Main Street site donated by Agawam farmer Edward Squazza.

Veterans officials will submit the final plans for the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery to the Planning Board at their May 8th meeting after consultation with the town engineer.

Speaking on behalf of all veterans, Director of External Affairs for the state Department of Veterans' Services, Robert McKean said, "We appreciate all the support we've had from the town."

Landscape designer Joseph G. Sporko of the LA Group of Sarasota Springs, New York, said the project has been planned in three phases, and will eventually accommodate 25,000 burials, including space for cremated remains in 2,850 niches in columbarium walls and 1,800 inground niches.

Phase I of the project will consist of 8,000 gravesites; an administration building with a visitors information center and administrative offices; a chapel for committal services, and a maintenance building. Initially, 1,576 crypts will be installed and buried to be uncovered for use as needed and there will be two columbarium areas for cremated remains. The crypts will be on two levels so that spouses can be interred together, Sporko said.

According to Sporko, the first phase of the project will be comprised of land on both sides of the stream running through the site and will require a bridge spanning the stream. A brickwalled entryway will lead visitors to a boulevard ending at

an oval lawn assembly area suitable for ceremonies. Sixty-foot flagpoles will provide the focal point of the assembly area where the administration building and chapel will be located.

"The design has been laid out so that visitors will get a nice view of the flag area when they enter the cemetery," Sporko said.

Phase I of the cemetery will end in a cul-de-sac to allow the second and third phases of the cemetery to be constructed as a continuation of the initial road system.

Planning Director Deborah S. Dachos said the Planning Board's proposal for the project to include redesigning the Main Street/River Road intersection to align with the entrance to the cemetery did not receive the necessary funding from the State Highway Department.

"My concern was to get large processions out of the cemetery using the lights at River Road, but we won't be able to have that included in the project," Ms. Dachos said.

Sporko said the landscape would be compatible with regional character, history, and culture and had been designed to be environmentally sensitive to minimize impacts on land, water, and views.

The project is expected to go out to bid this summer and construction should begin in the fall with a target date of Memorial Day 2000 for the cemetery's opening ceremonies.

The initial development of the Veterans' Cemetery will cost an estimated \$3.8 million, with federal matching funds amounting to \$2.1 million, leaving the state's net expenditure at \$1.7 million.

In Memory Of Lisa...

AT LAST WEDNESDAY's memorial service for Lisa Ziegert, Todd Rovelli and Debra Macey Taylor used their vocal talents to pay their respects to Lisa and her family. Both Rovelli and Taylor have sung at each annual service held in Lisa's memory. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Ashe Announces Bid For Re-Election

Hampden County Sheriff Michael J. Ashe, Jr. has issued the following statement:

"I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff of Hampden County.

"I am running for re-election because I love the job and because I believe that my performance is serving my fellow citizens well.

"I have as much, if not more, intensity, involvement, and innovation as sheriff as I did the first day that I took office.

"During my present term of office, I invited the nation's first and foremost professional correctional organization, the American Correctional Association, to come into our facilities and evaluate them against national standards, and thus provide this county with an objective national appraisal of the job that we are doing.

"The result was, as one newspaper headline put it, 'Review Team Gives Hampden Jail A-Plus.' As a result of this superlative national evaluation, Hampden County became the first county in the country to receive four national accreditations for four separate levels of security.

"My pledge to the people of our county is simple: If re-elected, I will continue to administer a crisp, sharp, safe, secure, orderly, honorable, and honest correctional operation, where staff and inmates are free from systemic violence, and where the individual who seeks to turn his or her life around will be challenged with the tools and directions to build a law-abiding life. I'll continue to live up to our motto of 'Strength Reinforced With Decency, Firmness Dignified With Fairness.'

"Perhaps most importantly of all, I will continue to strive to be grateful to the citizens of our county for offering me the opportunity to be of service, and to act always on my sustained belief that a public servant's greatest service is to respect, enhance, and serve the best that is in the heart and mind and spirit of each citizen. I continue to believe that hard work, honesty, and humility should be the backbone of public service."

Sheriff Ashe is a past president of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association, elected by his fellow sheriffs. He has received, among other awards, the Howard B. Gill Lifetime Achievement Award from the Correctional Association of Massachusetts for "Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Criminal Justice," and the annual President's Award of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association "In Recognition of Courageous Actions on Behalf of the Citizens of Hampden County."

Sheriff Ashe earned a bachelor's degree from St. Anselm's College and a master's degree from Boston College. He and his wife, Barbara, are the parents of six children and reside in Springfield.

In 1990, Sheriff Ashe received national recognition when he became the first sheriff in history to commandeer a National Guard Armory for use as a temporary jail when Hampden County ran out of jail space.

In expanding on his announcement statement, Sheriff Ashe provided the following specifics of accomplishment:

"Those in our custody now perform nearly 90,000 hours per year of community service restitution. Each day, 70 or more minimum security inmates are out in the community supervised by Sheriff's Department staff, cleaning litter or weeds from highways; boarding and sealing abandoned houses; doing odd jobs for Departments of Public Works and Parks Departments; working to maintain cemeteries; getting children's summer camps ready in the spring, etc., etc., etc. I intend to continue to expand this restitution effort.

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IN TOP PHOTO: At the Michael J. Ashe, Jr. fundraiser held at Chez Josef on April 16th, Ashe and his wife, Barbara, greeted area residents, including (from left) Kathy Boccasile and Rudy Altobelli, local Democratic activist and former Agawam Town Treasurer. IN PHOTO AT LEFT: Ashe and his wife with Hampden County District Attorney William Bennett. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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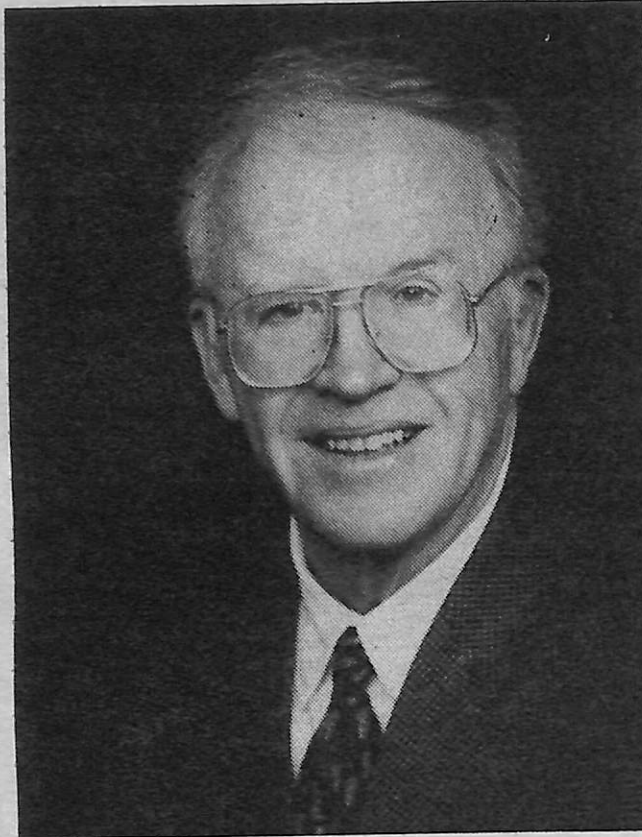
"We have listened to the common wisdom of the people and founded the first basic life training 'Boot Camp' for inmates in the history of Western Mass.

"We have even become one of the few correctional institutions in the nation to teach our inmates self-sufficiency and save taxpayer dollars by having inmates make their own uniforms through our Correctional Industries Program.

"We have redoubled our efforts at fighting recidivism by instituting our 'After Incarceration Support Systems' Program and our 'Life Skills Collaborative,' both of which concentrate on the crucial first months after release.

"And we've sustained efforts that we know are right, such as the 250 inmates each year putting in the hard work to earn their G.E.D. high school equivalency diplomas.

"Our correctional officers' Community Outreach Crime Prevention Programs with youth now include the Gang Awareness Program, which teaches fifth-graders the harsh realities of gang membership; the Safe Mentor Program, whereby our correctional officers develop Big Brother/Big Sister relationships with kids from city housing developments; the Boys Club/Girls Club Outreach Program, whereby kids from city housing developments are transported to the Boys Club/Girls Club on Saturdays; and our Behind the Walls Program, which takes young people in trouble into the jail and impresses upon them the reality of life in prison."



HAMPDEN COUNTY SHERIFF Michael J. Ashe, Jr., who is seeking re-election.

Supplemental Budget Passes With Melconian Language Protecting Local Businesses

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) announces that the Senate passed the FY'98 Conference Committee Supplemental Budget report, which included Melconian's language protecting Hampden County vendors from losing a potential \$14 million in revenues.

The FY'98 Supplemental Budget, which also provided for \$2.1 million for the Hampden County Sheriff's Department to cover operational costs for FY'98, will now be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

With the abolition of Hampden County government nearing implementation, the ability of local vendors to continue to have the opportunity to provide services to the Hampden County Sheriff's Department has been in doubt. Because of Melconian's efforts, the nearly 50 local vendors not currently under contract with the Commonwealth will remain eligible to bid on contracts after the state takes over county government.

Currently, local vendors provide the Sheriff's Department with services and materials such as automotive repair, culinary, custodial, medical, stationery, and uniform apparel supplies. The language allows the Sheriff's Department to purchase goods and services from local vendors who are not under contract with the Commonwealth.

Without the Melconian language, local vendors who are not under state contract would have lost over \$14 million in revenues because they would have been ineligible to bid on these county contracts.

"I am very pleased the legislature has acted in a responsible manner to offset potential layoffs for small businesses who provide services to the Hampden County Sheriff's Department," Melconian said.

A similar Senate amendment co-sponsored by Senators Brian Lees (R-Springfield), Michael Knapik (R-Westfield), and Melconian passed the Senate last year, but was rejected by the House of Representatives last summer in conference.

As part of the supplemental allocation accepted last year, Sheriff Michael J. Ashe, Jr. will be eligible to receive \$2.1 million to offset operational costs incurred with a 7.6 percent inmate population increase, as well as a four percent Cost of Living Adjustment ratified in the department's recent collective bargaining contract.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1998 at 6:45 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of PATRICIA BORGATTI, who is seeking a Special Use Permit from Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the creation of a "second housekeeping" unit at the premises identified as: 179 FRANKLIN STREET.

Ronald A. Hebert,
Chairman

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Ronald A. Hebert,
Chairman

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Veterans' Corner...

by Ruth C. Bitzas, Veterans' Agent

Honor Roll Guidelines And World War I List

The Agawam Veterans' Council and Honor Roll Committee Members hope to dedicate an Honor Roll on Veterans' Green on Memorial Day 1999.

We should be in receipt of our specifications and a cost estimate as soon as next week. Research is completed, and Agawam's war veterans will be listed by war in this column over the next several weeks.

In order for a veteran's name to be included on the Honor Roll, the following guideline must be met: HOME OF RECORD MUST BE AGAWAM. A veteran's military service is credited to the town in which he/she resided at the time of entry into service.

Veterans must have served in a wartime era and lived in Agawam when they enlisted. If a veteran or family of a veteran does not see his name on the published list, they will need to provide documentation to substantiate residence at the time of entry.

The wartime service must coincide with war dates established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Our reason for using the state war dates rather than the federal war dates is to allow eligibility to more veterans.

The onus of providing verification of Agawam as the veteran's home address is upon the veteran or the family member. Please note that there are no complete lists of Agawam veterans in the Adjutant General's War Records Dept. in Boston. Our list was obtained through our own research of their records and other sources. Forms will be on hand in our office for you to complete and check through the Clerk's office for possible verification of address.

Another source would be for you to check with the Agawam High School records for addresses. If all else fails, a VA Form 180 could be completed and sent to War Records in St. Louis for discharge or any type of verification of home address at time of entry into the military.

Anyone wishing to add a middle initial or Jr. to a veteran's name which is not reflected on the veteran's discharge will need to sign a form with documentation of name. In addition, we will establish a Board of Appeals for unforeseen problems, and they will make the final decision on those cases.

OUR SOURCES OF RESEARCH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Veterans' Office Card file which dates back to the late 1940's and includes information provided by veterans upon their discharge from the military. All of this information is included in our Kman computer program.
2. Every claims folder in each of our file cabinets has been researched.
3. Adjutant General's War Records Division in Boston. We listed information from records of all Agawam veterans who filed for their military bonus provided by the Commonwealth.
4. Civil War-Adjutant General's eight volumes, Military Division of Historic Research held by local, state, and federal government.
5. Revolutionary War - Researched "Cemeteries of Agawam and Feeding Hills, 929.3, A26."
6. Pension Rolls 1835, Volumes 1 and 2, 929.1, U58.
7. Checked (West Springfield) Microfilm, Corbin

Collection.

8. Muster and Payrolls, War of Revolution, 1775-1783.

9. West Springfield "Soldiers in the Revolution" and "Park Street Church History."

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Kenneth R. Adams, Frederick S. Aldrich, Oswaldo Amolis, Kirstine Andresen, Irving B. Andrews, Victor J. Ardizoni, Anthony D. Ashe*, James C. Atwater, Roy S. Bailey, Peter Balboni, Claude L. Barden, James F. Barry, Edward Beauchene, Francesco Biglia, George V. Blackburn, Arthur Bourdo, Henry D. Bourdo, Edward X. Bouthellier, Albert Bowman, Gerald M. Brown, John L. Bruni, Francis K. Burtneil, Allyn J. Buckley, Harold R. Buckley, Roger D. Buckley, Raymond Button, Ralph B. Campbell, Arthur M. Carrow, Albert M. Cayer, Peter J. Cebrelli, Harold A. Channell, Anthony Chiba, Maurice E. Clark, James D. Cleary, Daniel T. Cleary, Raymond F. Cleary, Everett E. Cleveland, Ernest Collins, Milton J. Collins, Charles R. Colson, Clarence H. Cook, Francis H. Copson, Edward T. Cordes, Thomas A. Coughlin, Cyril F. Cross, Theodore A. Crouss.

Arsene C. Davignon, Raymond Day, Charles O. Danver, Vito L. Depinto, Ralph L. Dickinson, Pellegrino Difredo, Charles F. Fay, Charles J. Feriole, Chester E. Fink, John F. Finn*, Gaetano Forni, Majoric Gagnon, George Geoffrion, Harvey H. Geoffrion, Joseph L. Geoffrion, Lorin G. Geoffrion, Harry L. Getchell, Kenneth Gladden, Roland Gladden, Earl F. Godfrey, Worthington D. Gould, Jerry J. Grady, Sidney E. Grout, John S. Guy, Charles E. Haase, Alfred H. Halstead, Raymond J. Hamilton, Frederick C. Hawkes, William Hendrickson, Charles W. Hitchcock, Earl E. Hitchcock, Thomas Ingham, Michael A. Jackowski, Louis R. Kaplinger, Walter S. Kerr, John H. Kingsbury, James F. Kirby, Leon M. Laberge, Leo P. Laffleur, Adelard J. Letendre, John B. Letourneau, Walter J. Ling, John Liquori, Frank B. Lytle, Raymond R. Mahoney, Willard C. Manning, John J. McLaughlin, Ralph V. McNamee.

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(* Veterans who died in service.)

— Obituaries —

Julian and Eleanor Jawitz

Julian and Eleanor Jawitz had both been seriously ill. She had been diagnosed with a brain tumor in January 1998, and he had deteriorated with Alzheimer's for over five years.

When Julian kept pleading with Eleanor to recover, he suffered a stroke. Dedicated to the end, Eleanor asked for Julian to be at her side.

The children set up adjoining hospital beds, side by side, facing each other, where they spent their last week together at home in Boca Raton, Florida.

Eleanor Jawitz, 81, died Easter Sunday with Julian at her side. Julian Jawitz, 86, died 34 hours later.

Eleanor has lived in Glen Cove, New York. She was deputy treasurer for Nassau County from 1971 to 1991. She had been a member of Glen Cove's Planning Board, treasurer of Community Development, and executive secretary to the mayor. Eleanor graduated from Queen's College in 1970 at age 53, and then received her master's in public administration in 1980.

Julian Jawitz had graduated from NYU Law School in 1947. He maintained a law practice in Manhattan for over 40 years. Mr. Jawitz, an acting city court judge in his hometown of Long Beach, New York, was appointed to Nassau County Supervisor by Gov. Nelson Rockefeller in 1972. Mr. Jawitz was an active member of Temple Emanuel of Long Beach, serving as president and chairman of the board.

The couple is survived by sons Michael J. Jawitz, M.D., of Agawam, Frederick of Long Beach, and Simon of Hong Kong, as well as daughters Meg Geitner of San Mateo, California, and Judith Murray of Long Beach, New York.

There were 13 grandchildren.

Gwendolyn E. Lamb

Gwendolyn E. (Carpenter) Lamb, 89, of 166 Walnut Street, Agawam, died at home.

Born in Beverly, she was schooled in Springfield, and lived in that city and Amherst before retiring to Florida in 1973. She lived in Agawam from 1978.

She was a 20-year member of the United Methodist Church, belonged to its Rachel William Circle, and worked at its "Famous Apple Pie" stand during the Eastern States Expositions.

Her husband, Gerrold O. Lamb, died in 1978.

She leaves a son, Gerrold O. Jr. of Georgia; three daughters, Dorothy Anderson of South Deerfield, and Phyllis Vogel and Paula Tudryn-Bernier of Agawam; a brother, Lloyd of Encino, California; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the church, with burial in Elm Grove Cemetery in Montague. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 491 Mill Street, P.O. Box 285, Agawam, MA 01001.

Frederick C. Beasley

Frederick C. Beasley, 90, of 69 Court Street, Westfield, died in a local nursing home.

He was a 42-year truck driver and receiver for the former American News Co. He worked later for First National Stores for 20 years.

He worshipped at the Church of the Good Shepherd in West Springfield.

He served in the Marine Corps in 1926-30 and during World War II.

He leaves his wife, Katherine ("Kitch") Oleksak Beasley; a son, Richard F. Beasley of West Springfield; three daughters, Beryl Bardier, Shirley Velosky, and June Gamelli of West Springfield; 15 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

His first wife, Ruby (Matchett) Beasley, died in 1971.

The private funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with the burial in Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills.

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Included in each application packet is a list of materials that must be returned to the guidance office along with the completed application. These include a copy of applicant's Social Security card, electric or other utility bill with the applicant's home address, and a copy of the student's birth certificate.

Because the number of available jobs is limited, it is important to return the completed application as soon as possible. All qualified applicants will be notified in writing for an interview, which will take place at the end of May.

State Rep. Keenan Endorses Local Aid Resolution

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan last week endorsed a House of Representatives Resolution committing an 8.7 percent increase in the amount of local aid Agawam will receive from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for Fiscal Year 1999.

Local aid is comprised of two major allocations; school aid and distribution of the Commonwealth's lottery revenues. Final figures for these two accounts will be determined during budget debates. However, the total amount of local aid Agawam will receive will not be less than the 8.7 percent increase Keenan and his colleagues have endorsed.

The House of Representatives will begin budget deliberations the first week in May for the Commonwealth's Fiscal Year 1999 Budget. The 1999 Fiscal Year begins on July 1, 1998.

2nd Half Real Estate & Personal Property Tax Bills Due May 1st

The second half real estate and personal property tax bills for fiscal year 1998 are due in the Collector's office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 1998. Original bills were mailed September 29, 1997 and second half payment notices were mailed March 31, 1998.

By law, bills were mailed to owners of record as of January 1st of the preceding year. Any new homeowner or anyone who has not received a copy of the real estate tax bill should contact the Collector's office immediately to avoid late payment penalties.

Applications For Fuel Assistance And Food Stamps At Senior Ctr.

The Agawam Senior Center is offering assistance filling out fuel assistance/food stamp applications.

Fuel assistance help in continuing until April 30th. Food stamp information and help in ongoing.

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OBITUARIES - from Page 8...

Helmut H. Nissen

Helmut H. Nissen, 81, formerly of Feeding Hills, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. He was a 30-year warehouse supervisor at Westover Air Base in Chicopee Falls, and retired in 1972.

Born in Germany, he came to this country in 1925, and grew up in Philadelphia. He lived in Feeding Hills for 50 years.

He attended the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, and served in England with the Army Air Forces during World War II.

He was predeceased by his wife, the former Alda D. Hotaling, in 1994.

He leaves his son, Duane H. of Springfield, and a brother, Robert.

The funeral was held at the Liberty United Methodist Church, with the burial in Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

John J. Toti, Jr.

John J. Toti, Jr., of Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was the 45-year assistant manager of the car management center for the Conrail Marketing and Sales Department, and retired in 1990.

Born in Springfield, he was a graduate of Technical High School, and lived in West Springfield before moving to Agawam 18 years ago.

He was a graduate of the former Gaugh Business School in Springfield, and the former Ward Business School in Hartford.

He was a past grand knight and treasurer of Unity Council 2212 of the Knights of Columbus in West Springfield.

He was the founder, first president, and district governor of UNICO in West Springfield, and belonged to the Italian-American Citizens Club in Springfield.

He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War, and served aboard the USS Coronado.

He leaves his wife, the former Anna R. Ragone; a son, John ("Jay") 3rd of Guatemala; a daughter, Mary R. Lombardi of Coventry, Connecticut; two brothers, Ernest of Springfield, and Norman of Bedford; a sister, Rosemarie Mosio of Ludlow;

two grandchildren; and nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and St. John the Evangelist Church, with the burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the BMC Development Office, WMU-5, 759 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01001, or the Sisters of Providence Retirement Fund, Motherhouse, 5 Gamelin Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.

Christine B. Gosselin

Christine B. (Gonyea) Gosselin, 84, formerly of 17 Saab Court, Springfield, died at Country Estates, Agawam.

She was a lifelong resident of Springfield, and a former communicant of St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

She leaves nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, with the burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. St. Pierre Springfield Funeral Chapels was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Country Estates activities fund at 1200 Suffield Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Edith Murray

Edith (Sterling) Murray, 87, of Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Cambridge, she was a long-time Amherst resident before moving to Agawam 40 years ago.

She was a member of the Agawam Congregational Church and sang in the choir of the Mit-tineague Congregational Church.

She belonged to the Agawam Garden Club and the Tuesday Morning Music Club.

Her husband, Clifford W. Murray, died in 1985.

She leaves many friends.

A graveside service was held in North Amherst Cemetery in Amherst. Firtion-Adams Funeral Service of Westfield was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Corina T. French

Corina T. (Butler) French, 85, of 49 Center Street, Agawam, died at home.

She was a clerk for the former Forbes & Wallace Co., and an assembler at the former Digital Equipment Co. of Westfield. She retired in 1983. She also was a part-time volunteer at the Junior League Budget Box Store in Springfield for many years.

Born in Somers, Connecticut, she was a graduate of that town's high school, and lived in Agawam for 48 years. She also lived in Springfield.

She was communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and a member of the Catholic Women's Club and the Over-50 Club.

She was a den mother for Cub Scout Pack 77, and played in the Tuesday Morning Bowling League.

She was predeceased by her husband, Albert M., in 1973.

She leaves two sons, Kenneth J. of Southwick, and Roger A. of East Longmeadow; a daughter, Patricia A. Remillard of Chicopee; two sisters, Eva Butler of Somersville, Connecticut, and Olive LaCroix of Enfield; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Valley Visiting Nurse Association-Hospice, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

Dorothy Pilkington

Dorothy (Boyden) Pilkington, 84, of Allen Park Road, Springfield, died at the Jewish Nursing Home of Western Massachusetts in Longmeadow.

Born in Conway, she lived in Agawam for 30 years before coming to Springfield in 1982.

She was a member of the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Hampden.

She leaves her husband of 62 years, Elwin; a son, John A. of Agawam; a daughter, Martha Houle of East Longmeadow; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was held at Bethlehem Baptist Church, with burial in Plain Cemetery in Ashfield. The Forastiere-Smith Funeral Home of East Longmeadow was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 216 Allen Street, Hampden, MA 01036, or to any charity.

Agawam Residents To Be Honored By MA Association For The Blind

On Friday, April 24th, during National Volunteer Week, Mass. Association For The Blind will recognize 98 volunteers at a breakfast at Bickford's Restaurant in Springfield. A highlight of the event will be the presentation of certificates to 16 men and women who have given five, 10, or 15 years of service.

Two Agawam residents, Barbara Mason and Virginia McCray, will receive certificates for five years of service. Virginia assists an elderly couple in Agawam who need help with grocery shopping and other errands, serves as a driver for a woman in West Springfield, and a reader/clerical aide for a man in Springfield. Barbara visits the agency twice a week to do data entry. She has been instrumental in helping the agency computerize its records.

"Our volunteers have made a significant difference in the lives of those they serve," said Sandy Burgess, Coordinator of Volunteers. "Our volunteers give their time to work with over 200 blind or visually impaired individuals in the greater Springfield - Holyoke area. We often hear from our consumers that they don't know what they would do without the support our volunteers provide."

Mass. Association For The Blind is a non-profit, United Way agency which provides support services to individuals in the Pioneer Valley who are blind or visually impaired. The agency's mission is to enable individuals with sight loss to remain as independent as possible.

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Seventeenth Annual "Agawam Day" Picnic Held In Florida

Once again this year, a beautiful but breezy day was in store last month for the 17th annual "Agawam Day" picnic at Fred Howard Park in Tarpon Springs, Florida. Although attendance was down to 89 picnickers this year, the people attending made up for it with enthusiasm and smiles for new and old friends.

Ken Grady greeted everyone after lunch and then declared a moment of silence for friends who are no longer with us. He then turned the mike over to Bill Martel, who called numbers for door prizes.

There were some lovely door prizes donated this year, and the picnic committee certainly thanks all who contributed.

The prizes were donated by the following: Betty Grady, Tish Pisano, Kay Stewart, Evelyn Martel, Elaine Taupier, Joan Martel, Ella Ruby, Sandra Kunasek, David Raynor, Madeline Raina, Betty Fearn, Marsha Steadman, Sally Lowell, Charles Gerard, Chick Kistner, Bob Costine, Don & Ann Sorel, Robert St. Peter, Dott Favreau, Edna Coffey, and P. Sullivan.

The prizes were won by: Joan Martel, Everett Hodge, Ida Colli, Jerry Griffin, Virginia Gannon, Vera Raynor, Edna Coffey, Marge Colli, Sally Lowell, Marie Mailler, Pat Grady, Julie Christian, Jim Colli, Ann Sorel, Pat Sullivan, Madeline Raina, Coralie Southworth, John Sullivan, Joe Sabatico, Al Taupier, Marie Koslowski, Lucille Trangesi, Norman Steadman, Betty Fearn, John Perreault, Chick Kistner, Charley Gerard, Carlo Bonavita, Dave Raynor, Don Tranghese, and Tom Coli.

The practice of a \$1 donation started two years ago to defray the picnic's expenses (instead of passing the hat) has gone very well. The picnic committee now has a working account to pay for the postage, supplies, etc.

The committee started sending first-class letters (instead of postcards) so that when someone moves, we will be able to follow through on a new address.

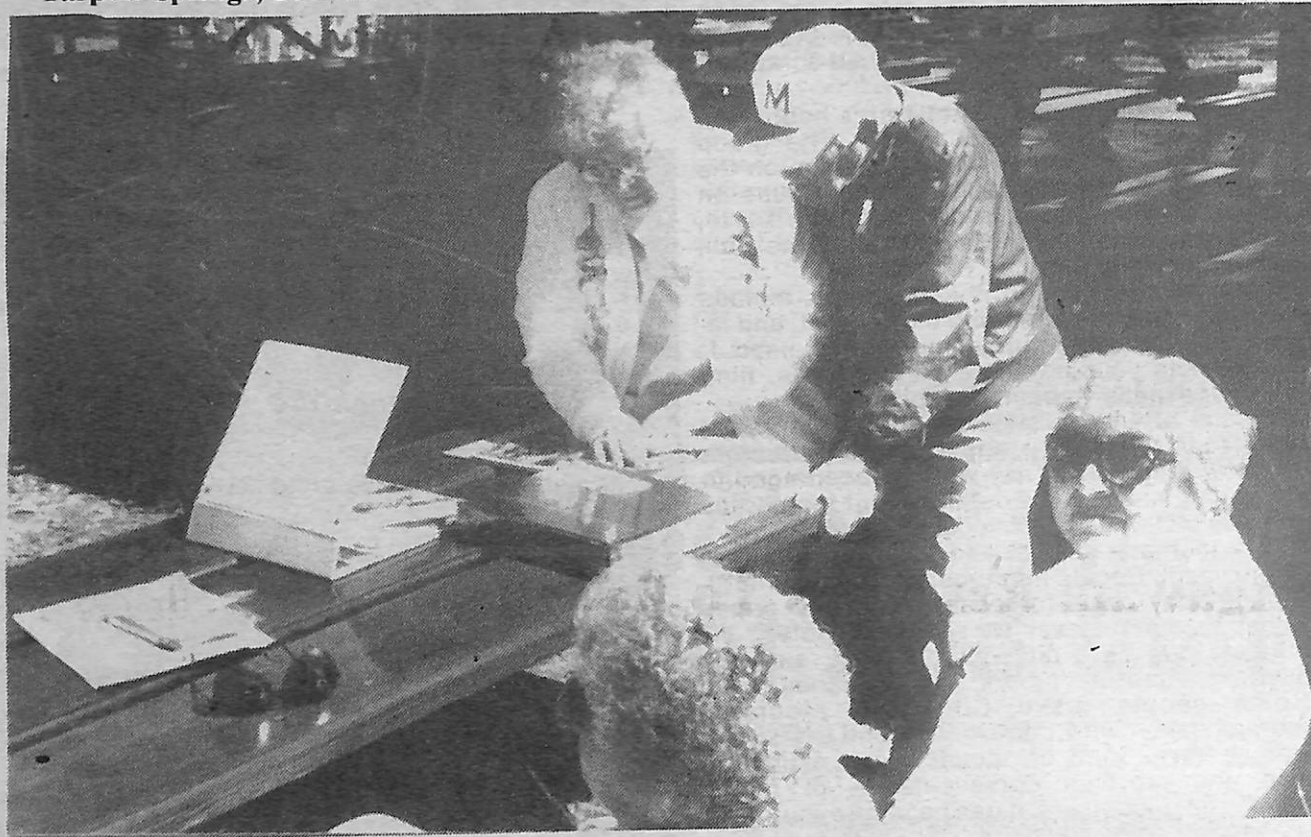
The committee thanks Ken Grady for all his hard work and getting there early to start to the coffee; Betty Grady, daughter-in-law Pat, and Elaine Taupier for manning the sign-in table; Bill Martel for calling the numbers; Tish Pisano and Joan Martel for taking care of the gift table; and everyone else who pitched in and helped (as well as the keeping of the records).

The committee thanks everyone who came this year for keeping this great event going, and for those who missed this year, we hope to see you next year.

Have a good year, stay healthy, and see you next year!



PAT GRADY, BETTY GRADY, AND ELAINE TAUPIER manned the "registration table" at the 17th annual "Agawam Day" picnic held last month at Fred Howard Park in Tarpon Springs, Florida.



STANDING: Lucille and Don Tranghese, who examined photo albums chronicling previous "Agawam Day" picnics. SEATED: Peg Bonavita (far right).

Girl Scouts To Hold May 1st Fashion Show

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 556 has been working toward its silver award for the past two years. They have organized a fashion show on Friday, May 1st from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Agawam.

The event is sponsored by the church. Some of the fashions will be courtesy of "Old Navy."

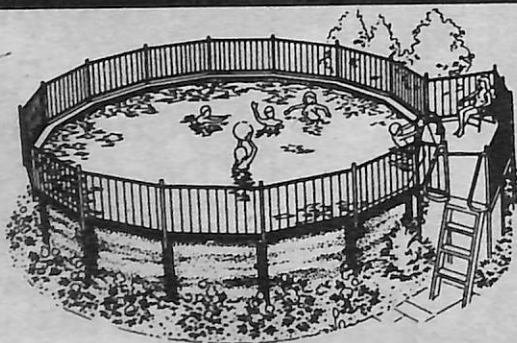
Entrance fee will be 50 cents and a good, quality, second-hand summer outfit (adult or child).

This is the second part of the troop's silver award and all profits will be used to purchase an item from the battered women shelter's wish list.

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Although **Creative Memories** is a national business based in Minnesota, a local franchise was started two years ago by Maureen Shepard of Southwick Street, Feeding Hills. She was joined recently in business by Kathy Monahan of Alhambra Circle, Agawam, and Joanna Navone of West Springfield.

This group will sponsor a local celebration of National Scrapbook Week for the public on May 2nd. They have rented Crossroads Christian Fellowship, a store-front religious hall in the Crossroad Shoppes (near Dunkin' Donuts) at the intersection of Routes 57 and 187, for the event.

The program will include shop talk, introduction of materials available, some hands-on work, games (such as Scrapbook Bingo), and refreshments. Guests may come for half a day or the full day, with sessions from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$15 for all day (or half a day, \$10 for experienced scrappers and \$7 for beginners).

Persons deciding to investigate the hobby can join succeeding workshops at will. The group recently changed their monthly meetings on the third Fridays to the Captain Leonard House on Main Street. They had a workshop on April 17th, and will have sessions on May 15th and June 19th, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

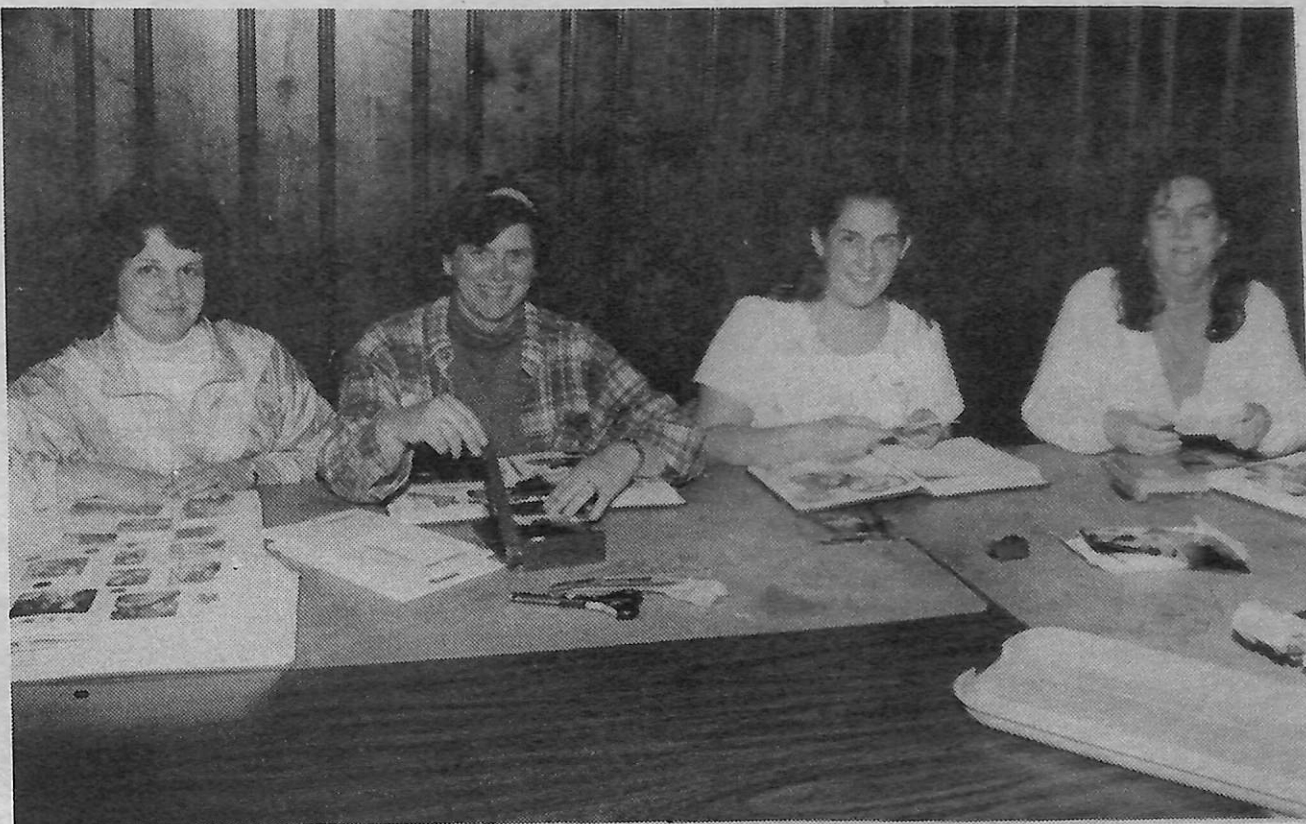
Benefits of reworking these photos include preserving the past, enriching the present, and inspiring hope for the future, Maureen explained. It also protects your investment in cameras, film, and other expensive camera equipment.

Persons attending should bring photographs they wish to safely keep, and the three instructors will show them how. They will be encouraged to add writing, names, and details about the photos or events pictured. Also encouraged are their own artwork (perhaps decals) and page borders (that are provided). Decals might be balloons, confetti, or a birthday cake for special birthday pages (perhaps autumn leaves for seasonal shots).

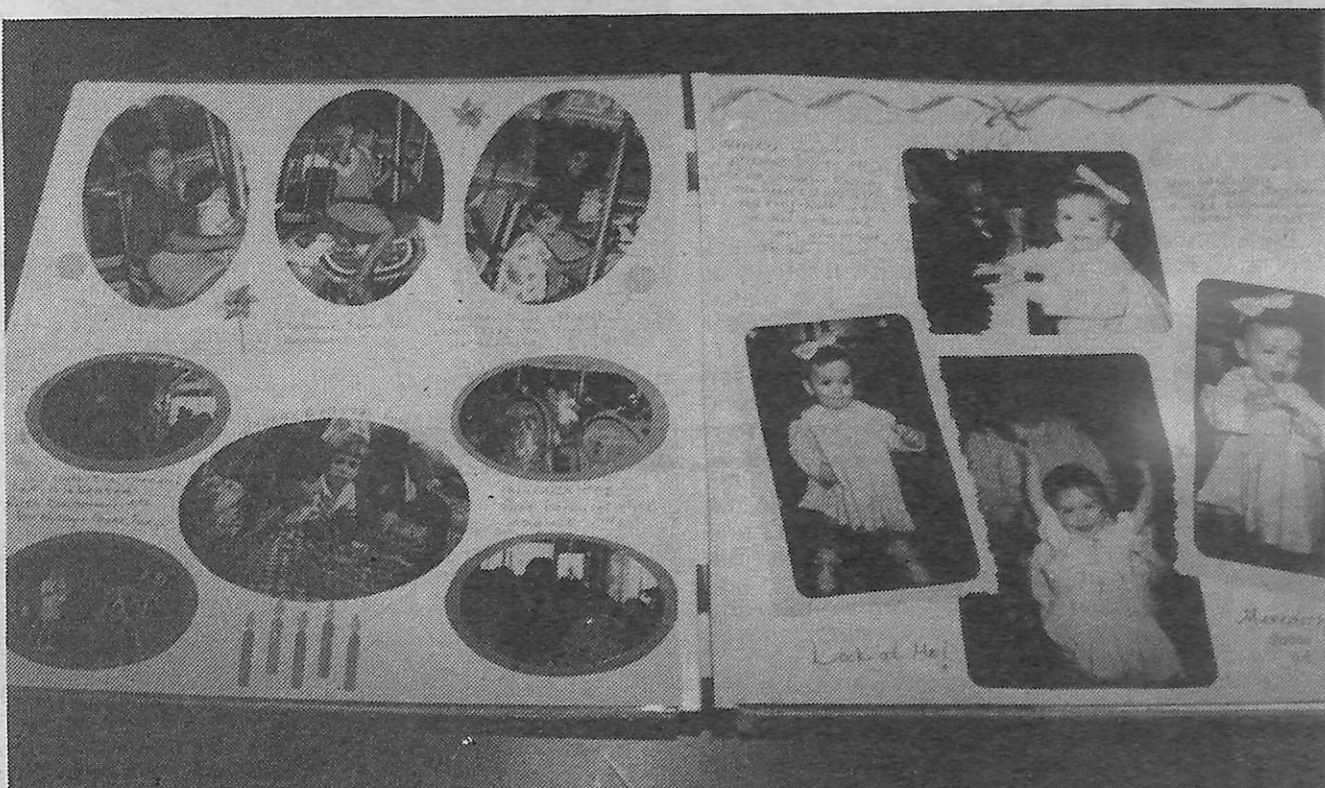
Photos can be grouped by subject, such as vacations, sports, proms, anniversaries, etc. "Some people make Christmas albums," Maureen said, "with photos from one Christmas after another. Such an album keeps memories fresh and provides documentation of family growth and good times. It can become a journal or be used in gerontology."

When books are completed, they are hopefully placed on a bookcase in the home or on a table where both guests and family members will enjoy them.

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THE AGAWAM FRANCHISE OF "Creative Memories" held a scrapbook-making workshop on April 17th at the Captain Leonard House on Main Street, Agawam. IN PHOTO ABOVE: Paula Lanquist, Kathy Monahan (co-franchisee), Meaghan Shepard, and Maureen Shepard (co-franchisee) had fun while working on their scrapbooks. IN PHOTO BELOW: One of their finished "products." Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Materials Secured From National Organization...

Materials used in the workshops are secured from the national organization. Included are colored photo backings that border photos, decals, different sized scrapbooks, memory mate bags to hold one's project materials, and varied colored Sakura Pigment ink pens that are said to be used in the Library of Congress. The ink is supposed to last without fading for 100 years.

There are also tools such as varied sized scissors for different effects, a small paper cutter for cropping photos, and a tool for rounding the photos' corners. There are different sized scrapbooks, pages, and page covers as well. Each full-page cover has stiff, protected edges that raise the cover a fraction above the photos for their protection. The pages are acid-free and buffered and will not yellow or turn brittle, and there are rulers for making page borders, Maureen added.

There are classes and workshops. Classes are introductory and provide information, show materials, and permit a person to start a project. Workshops are hands-on with everyone working on their scrapbook pages, comparing photos and work, with direction from the instructors. The instructors will address clubs upon request (or even meet in homes for a group of friends).

"It is a great night out," Maureen declared. "It's something like an old-fashioned quilting bee. It is also informative, creative, and productive."

Maureen is a homemaker and teaches her children at home. Kathy is a physical therapist for children from birth to three years of age in Connecticut, and Joanna sells books for a children's book publisher.

Further information on their cottage industry, **Creative Memories**, can be secured by calling Maureen at 789-7547, Kathy at 789-1377, or Joanna at 781-2324.



JOANNA NAVONE, MAUREEN SHEPARD, AND KATHY MONAHAN of "Creative Memories." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Meow, Meow, Meow, Meow — The Cat Show Is Coming To Big E

They're back! Winter is finally over, and it is time for the **Spring Cat Show** at the Big E fairgrounds on Saturday and Sunday, April 25th and 26th.

Cats and kittens — every color, spot, and stripe under the sun — will be on exhibition. Unusual new breeds, including the short-legged Munchkin (the controversial dachshund of the cat world) and the American Bobtail (the new breed with a tail like a bobcat), will be there.

More traditional breeds such as the Persian and Siamese will be there as well, competing for prizes and rosettes. See the huge Maine Coons (native to New England) and the newly-recognized Siberians, directly from Russia. Also look for the exotic Bengals (with spots like a miniature leopard) and the hairless Sphynx.

The feline boutique will offer unique clothing and gift items for cat lovers, as well as everything from catnip mice to luxury beds to ceiling-high cat trees to keep that special cat in your life feeling pampered.

Local shelters will bring rescued cats and kittens who are looking for loving homes, and many breeders will be offering purebred kittens for sale.

Cats have now surpassed dogs as America's most popular pets — come and see why! The top cats in the country will be here, as this is the final event of the competition show season.

Show hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$3 for children ages three to 12 (those under three will be admitted for free).

Be a friend to your local strays and get \$1 off any adult admission by donating a can or package of cat food.

For further information, call Nancy Robichaud, 786-9030; Angela Phillips, 786-5980; Solveig Pflueger, (860) 668-7518; or Karen Niemczura, (413) 283-6517.

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Northwood Civic Assoc. Has Seats Remaining For Bus Trip To Kittery, Maine Outlet Stores

The Northwood Civic Association is planning a bus trip to the Outlet Stores in Kittery, Maine, on Saturday, May 2nd.

The trip is open to all, and there are a few seats still available.

The bus leaves Feeding Hills at 7:30 a.m., returning approximately 8:30 p.m. Round trip costs \$20.

For further information or reservations, call 786-3249.

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THE TURNVEREIN'S ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE: Wilma Gillan, Elfriede Cote, Howard Sawyer, Janet Hadden, Marianne Alden, and Kurt & Christa Strehl. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Spfld. Turnverein Holds Celebration For Its 143rd Anniversary

The Springfield Turnverein of Agawam celebrated its 143rd anniversary with a dinner and presentation of awards on Saturday, April 4th.

Presented gold cards for 40 years of membership were Walter Groll, Karl Hilbig, and John Lang.

Special recognition was given to Karl Fieker for 70 years of membership. He was presented with a plaque.

Twenty-five-year certificates were presented to Omer George, Ralph Loos, Edward Weber, Walter Daubitz, and Robert Merkel.

The "Turner of the Year" Award was presented to Harry Zimmerman, who has served the Club in many capacities both here in Agawam and also at the old Club when it was on "Round Hill" in Springfield.

President Kurt Walther conducted the program and thanked all that were present for all their assistance during the past year.

Following dinner, dancing and listening pleasure was to the music of Leo Murawski and his Band.

Senior Health Fair Slated At Fitness First

Fitness First in Feeding Hills will be holding a Senior Health Fair on Friday, May 1st from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Many exhibitors will be on hand to answer seniors' questions and to provide some free samples. There will be two lectures also held during the morning.

Carmela Kirk, RN, will speak on strokes and the effect they can have. Brenda Kantor will speak on financial planning.

Fitness First is providing a free healthy snack buffet for all who attend.

Fitness First currently offers two "Young At Heart" pool classes for seniors. Guests will be able to participate in either class on that day for no charge. There is a class from 8:00-9:00 a.m. and one from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

Fitness First recommends that participants bring a bathing suit, towel, and water shoes if you have them. Please call in advance or stop by the

club if you are registering for the class.

The fair is free and open to the public.



AT THE SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN'S ANNIVERSARY DINNER: Ralph Loos, 25-year member; Edward Weber, 25 years; Harry Zimmerman, First Vice-President; Kurt Walther, President; and Earl George, 25 years. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



KURT WALTHER, Turnverein President (center), honors long-time members at the anniversary dinner (from left to right): Walter Groll, 40-year Turnverein member; John G. Lang, 40 years; Karl Fieker, 70 years; and Karl Hilbig, 40 years. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters Seeks Help From Elected Officials In Gaining More Mentors

As a follow-up to the Springfield volunteer summit, members of the Big Brothers Big Sisters agency asked Hampden County elected officials at the Statehouse April 15th for help in gaining 3,000 more mentors for Agawam and the Greater Springfield area.

Michele Riley of Agawam, case manager of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, spoke to Representatives Gale Candaras, Mary Rogeness and Nicholas Fyntrilakis of the Springfield School Committee, standing-in for Rep. Dennis Murphy (D-Springfield).

The co-chairperson of the Springfield mentoring task force, Elizabeth Russell, executive director of the Big Brothers Big Sisters agency, led the delegation from the agency to a legislative education session in Boston.

Riley said the group was in Boston to ask for support for a \$10 million bill creating a reserve fund for matching grants from the private sector.

Russell stressed the need for support for mentoring program to Michael Walsh of Sen. Linda Melconian's office representing Agawam. She said Walsh praised the proposal but wanted to make sure that Western Massachusetts got its fair share of the funds.

"Our goal is to recruit 3,000 more mentors for Springfield and 50,000 statewide by the year 2000," stated Riley. The goals were set by President Clinton, Colin Powell, and most of the living presidents at the volunteer summit in Philadelphia last year. A state summit was held last fall setting goals under the banner *Massachusetts Promise, An Alliance for Children and Youth*.

The Springfield summit, entitled *Springfield Cares*, was presented April 7th at StageWest. Rep. Richard Neal and Mayor Michael Albano led off the symposium for children. Its focus was to foster mentoring, to provide safe places for

children to play and learn, to give them a healthy start, to teach them marketable skills, and provide opportunities for them to serve the community.

Big Brothers Big Sisters board member Cleveland Burton urged attendees to use the resources that Hampden County has available to help children. He stressed that Springfield is the city of homes, not the city of streets.

At the meeting with Riley, Fyntrilakis, representing the Springfield School Committee as a member of the mentoring task force, expressed support for the bill.

Governor Cellucci recommended creating a matching grant reserve fund, forming a public-private partnership that would require a dollar of private funds in order to access a dollar of state funds. The grants would be made available to private agencies for the purposes of recruiting, training, and supporting mentors and mentoring programs.

At the Springfield summit, John Davis, CEO of Springfield Saw and Mfg. Co. pledged \$100,000 to help improve children's lives. "American Saw's pledge is a perfect example of the public-private cooperation envisioned in the governor's bill," explained Russell.

Russell said that many do not realize that it takes a great deal of funds to screen and train volunteers. But, she said those requirements are crucial to ensure a positive experience for the children.

She explained that the one-to-one mentoring concept has been proven to make a big difference in a child's life citing a 1993 study that researched matched and unmatched. Matched children were less likely to use drugs and alcohol and to skip school.

For more information on the Springfield mentoring program, Michele Riley at 781-4730.

Big Sisters
en County

MICHELE RILEY OF AGAWAM, case manager of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, recently met with representatives at the Statehouse in Boston.

Special Program Slated For The April 27th Meeting Of Agawam/Feeding Hills AARP

A special program is scheduled for the April 27th meeting of the Agawam/Feeding Hills Chapter 4915 of AARP, which will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor.

Mr. Skal Guidi, representative and partner of Newbury Associates of East Longmeadow, will be the guest speaker. Skal has spoken at the Senior Center in the past and was well-received by all.

He will touch on the new tax laws, IRA ideas, ways to increase income, estate tax elimination, and more. If you have any doubts on organizing or rearranging your assets, come with your notebook and take those valuable notes.

The Board of Directors is taking a survey concerning membership and attendance for AARP meetings. It was brought to their attention that AARP members (and those who want to become members) who are 50 and over and are working, cannot make the 1:00 p.m. meetings.

Therefore, the Board is contemplating early evening meetings during the daylight savings time period.

If you or your friends are interested, please voice your opinion by calling 786-1032. Please leave your name and telephone number so we can return your call. If the interest is there, please tell your friends.

Keep in touch because great informative programs are coming!

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, April 27th: Stuffed shells with extra sauce, Italian blend vegetables, rolls, apple.

Tuesday, April 28th: Cabbage and bean soup, hot dog on a roll, potato puff, blueberry cake.

Wednesday, April 29th: Country pie (hamburg, rice, cheese, and tomatoes), tossed salad, breadsticks, tapioca pudding.

Thursday, April 30th: Sweet and sour pork rib, Oriental rice, mixed vegetables, rye bread, pineapple.

Friday, May 1st: Baked fish, baked beans, cole slaw, rye bread, mixed fruit.

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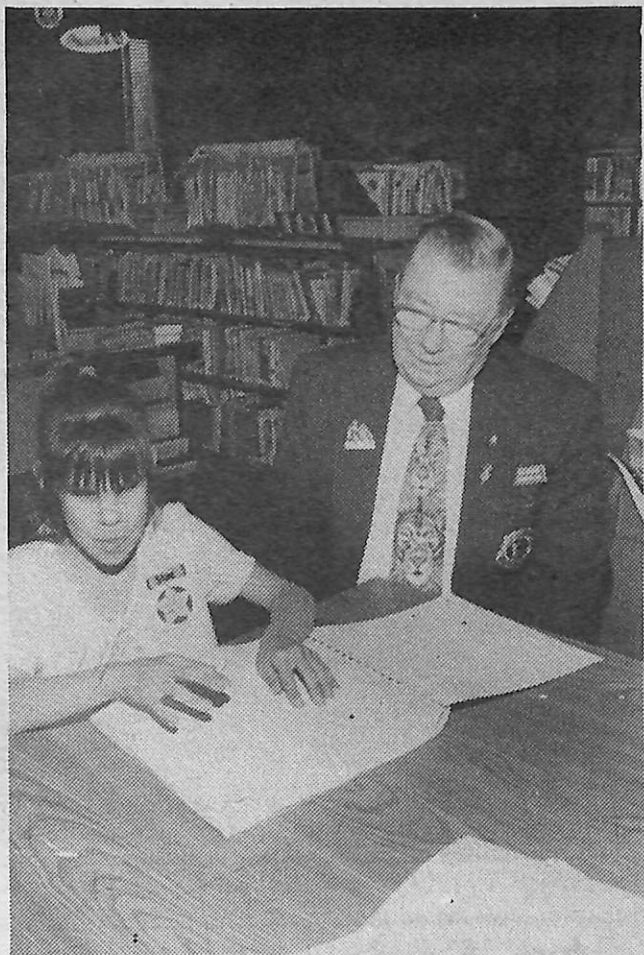
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FOURTH GRADER CHANTEL CUDDEMI reads to Jim Loomis of the Agawam Lions Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Lions Club Buys Braille Books For Library

Thanks to the generosity of the Agawam Lions Club, the Agawam Public Library now has a \$1,000 collection of children's books in Braille. Chantel Cuddemi, a fourth grade student at Robinson Park School, has been avidly reading them ever since their arrival, and is enjoying each one to the fullest.

Choosing the books was a cooperative project for Chantel's personal assistant, Linda DeGray, and Jeanne Hofmann, Agawam Library's Children's Librarian. Their selections include poetry, biography, and a wide variety of popular and award-winning children's literature.

Chantel's current favorite books are "Addie's Surprise," an historical novel about a recently freed slave during Civil War times,

and "Dominic," William Stieg's classic story about a brave and heroic dog.

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Karyn Tracy Banas Recently Crowned As "Mrs. Massachusetts International, 1998"

Karyn Tracy Banas was recently crowned Mrs. Massachusetts International, 1998. Mrs. Banas will compete at the televised Mrs. International United States Pageant to be held this August in Tyler, Texas for the opportunity to represent her country at the Mrs. International Pageant to be held in South Africa in December of this year.

The Mrs. International Pageant system is comprised of a team of talented, caring women who believe in marriage, family, professional excellence, and community stewardship. In the past year, city, state, and national title-holders contributed over 15,000 hours in support of non-profit organizations, civic groups, and charitable causes.

The Mrs. International Pageant awards an educational scholarship each year from funds raised by a Silent Auction held at the national pageant.

Mrs. Banas is a Massachusetts licensed horseback riding instructor, trains show horses, and judges horse shows throughout the Northeast. She is also a published freelance writer for several horse newspapers, including *Happy Horse*

(published out of Agawam).

Mrs. Banas is a substitute teacher's aide in the West Springfield school system, helps out at her family's Brown's Provin Mountain Farm in Feeding Hills, and has been a volunteer for the Massachusetts 4-H program for many years.

She grew up in Feeding Hills and is a graduate of Agawam High School. She now resides in West Springfield with her husband, Michael, and their two children, Nicolle and Jacob.

Mrs. Banas will be making appearances throughout the next year at various charity and civic fundraisers, and will also make appearances for her sponsors. She will be visiting hospitals and schools to speak with children and to promote literacy.

For those who wish to contact Mrs. Banas for public appearances or who wish to sponsor her for the national pageant, she may be reached at Mrs. Massachusetts International, P.O. Box 1206, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Mrs. Banas wishes to thank the Couture family, Kim and Laura Richardson, and Gretta Breglio-Redman for all of their help, and Provin Mountain Farm for their continued sponsorship.



KARYN TRACY BANAS

Melha Shriners Circus Is Almost Here

An event for the enjoyment of all families not to be missed is the Annual Melha Shriners Circus Parade, April 30th beginning at 6:00 p.m. in West Springfield.

The line of march will use Memorial Avenue traveling west from the Century Shopping Center to the Circus Grounds at The Big E.

This outstanding colorful spectacle will feature the Shriners' Military, Oriental, Drum Corps Bands, and the always exciting pipes and drums of the Highlanders. Other units contributing to the excitement will include the Hadji Motorized Corp., the Clowns, Hillbillies, Directors, Flyers, Mariners, and others who guarantee to keep the interest and entertainment of bystanders of all ages.

Following the parade, join all the Melha Units in the Coliseum and prepare to be thrilled by this year's awesome circus. The opening night special allows a free child's ticket, 12 and under, with the purchase of one adult ticket.

Take advantage of this cost-saver. Family fun today at yesterday's prices together with ample free parking makes attendance at this circus easy.

If Thursday's circus does not meet with your schedule, plan to attend one of the Friday, Saturday, or Sunday performances.

The easily accessible Coliseum Box Office is open daily beginning April 18th, 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and will be open until 8:30 p.m. on performance nights.

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THE JUNIOR COMPETITION GROUP from Shooting Star Dance Center: back row - Erica Dominquez, Sarah Huffman, Erinn Gormley, and Sara Cote; front row - Lauren Maloney, Rachel Dionne, and Laura Cote.



THE SENIOR COMPETITION GROUP from Shooting Star Dance Center: back row - Brenda Hadden, Vickie Fitchben, Karen Hadden, and Michelle Cote; front row - Jillian Fiorentino and Candace Flaherty.

Competition Groups From Shooting Star Dance Center Win Titles At Four Events

Congratulations to the Competition Groups at Shooting Star Dance Center, 297 Springfield Street in Agawam.

The girls have competed in four competitions so far and have done very well. They have taken home 1st, 2nd, Gold, and Silver titles. They have been in such competitions as Dance America in Long Island, New York; Extreme Competition in Boston; Starbound in Westfield; and Starpower in

Hartford, Connecticut.

The Senior Competition Group is as follows: Brenda Hadden, Vickie Fitchben, Karen Hadden, and Michelle Cote of Agawam, and Jillian Fiorentino and Candace Flaherty of Wilbraham.

The Junior Competition Group is as follows: Erica Dominques, Sarah Huffman, Erinn Gormley, Sara Cote, Lauren Maloney, Rachel Dionne, and Laura Cote, all from Agawam.

The Soloist performers are Karen Hadden, Erinn

Gormley, and Rachel Dionne. The Soloists have also done very well.

Miss Lynn of Shooting Star said, "I would like to congratulate Rachel Dionne for receiving the title Jr. Miss Dance at the Extreme Competition in Boston. Thank you to all the Competition parents for your support. Good luck to all the Competition Groups at the next competition, and thank you for all your hard work."

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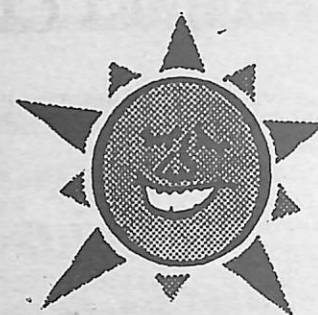
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Church News

Holy Week Activities At St. Anthony's...



FATHER BILL ROUSSEAU blessed the food at St. Anthony's Church on Saturday, April 11th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SUZANNE SVADEBA, FATHER BILL ROUSSEAU, and Linda Wojcik (as "Mary") on Good Friday, April 10th, at St. Anthony's. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Calendar Of Events And Activities At First Baptist Church

The Annual Women's Sunday will be held this week at the 9:30 a.m. service of worship at First Baptist Church.

Rev. Jennifer Cashman will give the message, "Which Way Are You Going?" Assisting Rev. Cashman will be Rev. Mercedes Barnes, who will read the scripture, as well as lead the prayer.

There will be special music offered by Eileen Drumm, contralto, and Mercedes Barnes, soprano. Others participating in the service include Edith Gottsche, chairperson of the Board of Deacons, Lynda Dalla Pegorara, and Joyce Bailey.

Greeters for the morning include Vivian Roberts, Nancy Daniels, Elaine McAuley, and Norma Werthamer. There will be a social hour immediately following worship. Church school classes are held until 11:45 a.m. with nursery care provided.

On our calendar this week:

Tuesday, April 28th: 10:00 a.m., Searchlights Bible Study; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 4:30 p.m., Loaves & Fishes (Meals for the Homeless); 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group; 7:00 p.m., Divorce Recovery Group.

Wednesday, April 29th: 7:15 a.m., Mid Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open

Thursday, April 30th: 10:00 a.m., Bell Ringers; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

On Friday, May 1st, the Church Women United will hold their spring meeting at Third Baptist Church, 149 Walnut Street, in Springfield.

Registration is at 8:30 a.m. There will be bible study at 9:00 a.m. with worship following at 10:00 a.m. Speaker of the morning is William Wildey, Regional Director of Northern New England Church World Service/CROP.

Luncheon is at 12:00 noon at a cost of \$4 per person. Reservations may be made by calling 596-6734 or 782-3591. Church World Service health kits will be collected at this meeting, as well as the least coin collection.

There will be a SERV table, with all items half price. Most important, there will be a time of fellowship and study.

On Saturday, May 2nd, all youth leaders will have the opportunity to attend a Youth Specialties Resource Seminar in Avon, CT.

For more details, contact Dot Major, Chairman, Board of Religious Education, 786-8568.



ST. ANTHONY'S CHOIR on Good Friday: Lorraine Currier, Francine Weinandy, Elizabeth Pisano, Mary Guistimbelli, Joanne Beltrandi, Patti Reveruzzi, Barbara Nicora, and Tim Weinandy. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Guest Speaker Is Coming To Valley Community Church This Sunday, April 26th

The celebration of faith continues at Valley Community Church during Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.

This week, we are pleased to have Rev. Duncan Washburn lead our Worship Service while Pastor Steve Dennehy is vacationing in London. The message this week is taken from the gospel of John 21:1-19.

As the adults in the congregation learn how we, like Peter, are called to be "fishers of men," our children will be hearing the same message, geared especially for them, during Children's Church which begins at 10:00 a.m.

Visitors and friends are invited to join church members for Coffee and Fellowship at 10:30 a.m. in Dunn Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for visitors to inquire about the church life as well as for members to welcome our visitors.

Church School begins at 11:00 a.m. with classes for everyone. Adult Bible class will be led by Rev. Washburn as we continue our study on the book of Daniel.

Nursery care is available through the entire

morning for infants and toddlers.

The Pastoral Search Committee will meet on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Margie Secora.

The hilltop is alive with the sound of music on Wednesday evening as both the Junior and Senior Choirs meet for rehearsals. The Junior Choir begins at 6:15 p.m., and the Senior Choir at 7:00 p.m.

Both choirs continue to add a "joyful sound" to our Sunday Worship Services.

Cub Scout Troop 78, Den 3 continues to meet weekly on Thursday evening from 6:15 until 7:45 p.m.

Valley Community Church is located at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. For more information, please call the church office at 786-2445, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Church News - continued...

News And Notes From Feeding Hills Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

A service of worship begins at 10:00 a.m. The lectionary readings for April 26th, the third Sunday of Easter, will be Acts 9:1-6 (7-20), Psalm 30, Revelations 5:11-14, and John 21:1-19. The Lector will be Debbie Donaldson.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon title is "The Future of the Church is at Stake." Children are invited to attend worship with their parents, leaving at the appropriate time for Sunday School. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

The Board of Christian Education will sponsor a Tag Sale/Car Wash/Bake Sale here at the church next Saturday, May 2nd, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Donations for the tag sale will be gladly accepted. Any baked goods donated would also be appreciated. If you have a beach umbrella or canopy you might consider loaning to keep the baked goods from baking any further in the sunshine! The Board will meet on Thursday, April 30th, at 7:00 p.m. to price items for the sale.

The Wednesday morning Scripture Project Bible Study group will meet again on April 29th at 9:30 a.m. The series will continue until May 6th.

Special events to come:

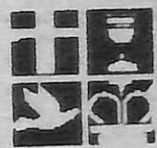
- May 31st: Children's Sunday/Church Picnic
- June 7th: UCC Annual Meeting
- June 13th (tentative date): Strawberry Supper
- June 27th: Trip to Salem, MA

On the calendar:

- Thursday, April 23rd: 7:00 p.m., A.A.
- Sunday, April 26th: 10:00 a.m., Third Sunday of Easter
- Monday, April 27th: 4:00-5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 5:45 p.m., Hampden Association Meeting in Ludlow; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts
- Tuesday, April 28th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.
- Wednesday, April 29th: 9:30 a.m., Bible Study; 7:00 p.m., Choir
- Thursday, April 30th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., CE pricing for tag sale.

Please remember that the fields are being used each afternoon for soccer practice.

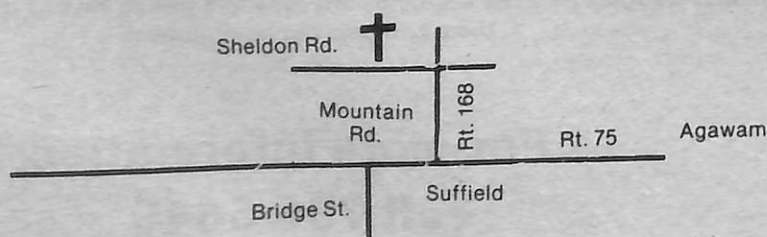
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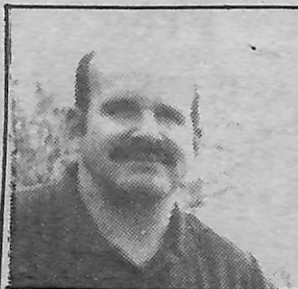
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We Can Have Power To Live Fully Today...

"Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades."

We are invited, one and all, to believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God who was physically raised from the dead; who thereby conquered that which we fear most, which is death.

Believing that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead can give us power to live fully today, because the ultimate cause of fear has been crushed. For the followers of Jesus, death is not the end of life; death itself is transformed into a passageway to God.

However, those who would be followers of Jesus are not expected to rely upon blind faith. God does not require us to leave our brains at the door to enter His sanctuary.

Blind faith is uninformed faith. Blind faith is weak faith. Weak faith will not stand up through the travails of life. Our faith can be, and should be, informed by evidence. The evidence indicates that believing in Jesus' literal resurrection is the most rational position we can take.

When Peter departed from Jesus' empty tomb, he was bewildered. Jesus had told him ahead of time what would happen, but Peter had not understood. He didn't understand it before Jesus' crucifixion, and he certainly didn't understand it immediately following His resurrection. Peter's only comfort was that he wasn't alone.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of

the week, and the doors of the house were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

The followers of Jesus were terrified by what had happened to Him. They probably feared the same thing would happen to them.

Suddenly, into their midst appeared what seemed to them to be a ghost. The disciple Thomas was dubbed "Doubting Thomas" because he insisted that he would not believe Jesus was really raised from the dead without evidence.

The text shows clearly that the other disciples were just as doubtful. They didn't immediately embrace Jesus and say, "Gee, it's great to see You!" or "We're glad to have You back!" They needed evidence. **He showed them His hands and His side.**

Most of the disciples in the room that day with Jesus would eventually be martyred for their faith. Before their deaths, each would be offered the opportunity to recant their confession of faith in the risen Jesus. None of them would.

Like anybody else, they would have rathered not to be tortured to death, but none of them would or could deny their faith. Their martyrdom speaks volumes.

John, who penned the Revelation, was the only disciple in the room that day who wasn't murdered for his faith. John lived well into old age, but he completed his years exiled on the penal island of Patmos.

He, too, could have denied his faith in favor of worldly comforts, but he wouldn't do it; not with what he knew to be true. Jesus Christ was, and still is, alive! How could John say otherwise?

The martyrdom and sufferings of Jesus' closest followers challenges, and is offended by, those armchair theologians who would reinterpret the historical evidence to describe Jesus' resurrection as only "spiritual." An honest review of the evidence informs us Jesus' resurrection actually occurred.

Therefore, we can believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing we may have life in His name.

Rev. Peter Monahan's column, "Reflections," is a regular feature of the ADVERTISER NEWS...

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Weekly Calendar From
Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, April 26th, is the Third Sunday of Easter. It is also Youth Sunday.

The fifth and sixth grade youth of the church will be leading and participating in the morning's Worship Service, which begins at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Deacon Steve Paul will be the Guest Speaker for the service.

The Adult Education Class continues each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. under the leadership of Dan Pender, Christian Education/Youth Director.

Join us as we continue the Easter journey.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is a canned meal (stew, hash, Spam, etc.).

Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

The Ladies Aid Society Annual Spring Festival is scheduled for this Saturday, April 25th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Catering Committee is having a Ham & Bean Dinner on Saturday, May 16th, at 5:30 p.m. The menu will include baked ham & raisin sauce, baked beans, potato salad, cornbread, dessert, and beverages.

The cost is \$7 for adults, and \$4 for children. Mark your calendars today!

The Eighth Annual Charlie McCobb Memorial Golf Tournament will take place on Saturday, June 13th. The shotgun start is at 1:00 p.m., and there will be a \$10,000 prize for a hole in one.

The player fee is \$30 (which includes green fee, cart, and meal). Hole sponsors (\$50) and patrons (\$10) are needed, and business ads cost \$25.

All golfers are welcome — men, women, seniors, and juniors. Call the church office, 786-7111, for more information.

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“Almost” Free
Advice Program At
Agawam Baptist

On Sunday afternoon, April 26th, Sasha ZeBryk and Mary Ann Dietschler will present the third of a four-part series entitled “Almost” Free Advice.

The third session will highlight techniques to increase self-esteem. Participants will discover how to overcome nasty, negative self-talk, to quit whining and blaming once and for all, and to avoid the “negaholic” trap.

Assertiveness training will teach attendees how to remain calm, cool, and collected during conflict. Plus, the art of dining in and dining out will be fine-tuned. It promises to be a fun, interactive, and informative workshop.

ZeBryk and Dietschler teach workshops and seminars at area colleges and businesses. They have taught and trained in the field of personal development for a combined total of 27 years.

The workshop will be held on April 26th, at the Agawam Baptist Church on Main Street in Agawam from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$29. Refreshments will be served all afternoon.

To register for the third session or to obtain additional information, call Mary Ann Dietschler at 789-7722.

“Spring Smorgasbord”
To Take Place On May
2nd At First Baptist

The First Baptist Church of Agawam, 760 Main Street, will present a “Spring Smorgasbord” on Saturday, May 2nd.

Featured will be fruit cup, baked beans, baked ham, turkey, Swedish meatballs, American chop suey, Harvard beets, green bean casserole, sauerkraut, potato salad, sunshine salad, cole slaw, relish tray, rolls, assorted homemade pies, and coffee, tea, or milk.

Servings will be at 4:45 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. Cost for adults is \$7 and \$3 for children under 10.

For reservations, call Emma at 786-8624 or Martha at 786-0337. If you make reservations and find you are unable to come, please call and cancel. Thank you.

Catholic Women's
Club To Sponsor
Spring Fashion Show

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will sponsor a Spring Fashion Show on Wednesday, April 29th at St. John's Hall. Fashions are by Talbot's of Longmeadow.

The models for the Fashion Show are Danielle DeForge, Stella Longhi, Sheryl Mardeusz, Carol Pignatere, Paula Raiche, Cathy Rourke, Cathie Schafer, Angela Stevens, Mary Tatro, and Jane Trevethan.

Refreshments will be served. Crackers, wine, and cheese will start the evening off at 7:00 p.m. and there will be door and raffle prizes.

Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased from any of the models or at St. John's Rectory office. Anyone may reserve a table for six or eight. Please call 786-9586.

Novi Cantori
Announces Spring
Concert Schedule

The choral ensemble Novi Cantori, directed by Allan Taylor of Feeding Hills, has announced that the two following concert dates will comprise the remainder of its 1998 spring schedule:

April 26th - 4:00 p.m., United Congregational Church, Holyoke.

May 3rd - 4:00 p.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Ware.

Director Taylor has chosen a varied program which features music from the golden age of English Cathedrals by Tomkins, Gibbons, Weelkes, and Purcell. The major work will be Benjamin Britten's *Hymn to Saint Cecilia*, with Sudie Marcuse Blatz as soloist.

There will also be several French chansons, love songs and spirituals, and a solo organ work performed by Carol Spinelli. All programs are free.

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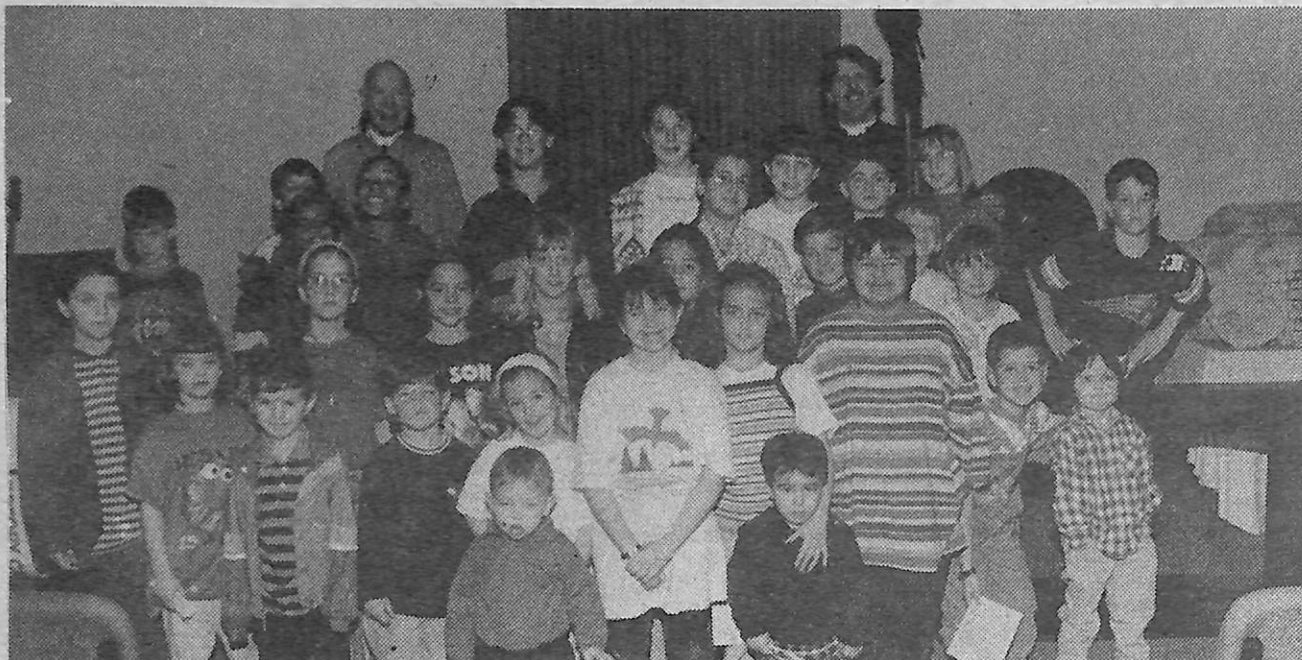
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Children's Way Of The Cross At St. David's...



REV. LEN COWAN, pastor of St. David's Church, at the Children's Way of the Cross.
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THE CHILDREN'S WAY OF THE CROSS, held on Good Friday (April 10th), provided the youngsters at St. David's Episcopal Church (pictured above and below) with an opportunity to understand the spiritual significance and importance of this holy day. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Please remember that our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!

St. David's Episcopal Church To Host Ham & Baked Bean Dinner

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting an old-fashioned ham and baked bean dinner on Monday, May 4th, at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at St. David's Church, 699 Mill Street, Feeding Hills.

The menu will include baked ham, baked beans, garden salad, cole slaw, German potato salad, bread, bread pudding, and beverages.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, and \$3 for children under 12. These may be purchased in advance from St. David's, or at the door.

Proceeds from this dinner will go towards the debt reduction of the new church building.

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Spotlight On Business

E.B.'s Express To Hold Grand Opening In Westfield

E.B.'s Restaurant owner Ed Borgatti of Agawam has announced that the first E.B.'s Express franchise is open at 42 Main Street, Westfield. The ribbon-cutting ceremony and grand opening celebration will commence at 12:00 noon on Friday, April 24th.

On hand for the celebration will be Senators Linda Melconian and Michael Knapik, State Representatives Cele Hahn and Dan Keenan, Westfield Chamber of Commerce President Bob Kapinos, and Westfield Community Development Corp. Executive Director Gary Partridge.

E.B.'s Restaurant in Agawam opened its doors 12 years ago and recently began marketing franchise opportunities due to the success of the Agawam location. E.B.'s is noted for their Italian specialties, the quality of their food, their family atmosphere, and their customer service.

Owner Ed Borgatti sets his number-one priority as the customer and his employees follow suit. E.B.'s Express owners Adam Schmaelzle and Sean Wandrei are long-time employees of E.B.'s Restaurant in Agawam.

At a time when most families have two working parents, E.B.'s Express will focus on home meal replacement. From appetizers, salads, and grinders to complete dinners, E.B.'s Express does it all.

It's home cooking, but better because they do all the work. Ed Borgatti emphasizes that, "Parents can spend more time with their family instead of in the kitchen."

The express locations will emphasize takeout and delivery, utilizing state-of-the-art computerized customer tracking and ordering. Another unique feature that E.B.'s boasts is their new cellular charge machines.

A customer can place an order, have it delivered, and use their credit card right at their own front door. Now that's convenience.

E.B.'s continues franchising in Western Massachusetts, with a Chicopee location opening this summer. For more information, please contact Ed Borgatti at 1-800-241-7040.

Sean Moriarty of Agawam Joins LANDRY, LYONS & WHYTE's Feeding Hills Office

Laurence D. Landry of LANDRY, LYONS & WHYTE Co./Better Homes and Gardens is pleased to announce that Sean Moriarty has joined the firm's Feeding Hills Office as a Sales Associate.

Sean has his Associate Degree from Springfield Technical Community College. He is a resident of Agawam. "We are pleased that Sean has chosen LANDRY, LYONS & WHYTE Company to pursue his career in real estate," said Landry.

Legal Memo

by
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Homeowners - Injury To Grandson Snowblowing Accident

Where (1) defendant homeowners permitted a neighbor to use a snowblower to clear the snow from their driveway and (2) a hard object thrown by the snowblower crashed through a window of the house, resulting in an eye injury to the defendant's grandson. The Court concluded that the accident was not foreseeable and the defendants thus cannot be held to have breached their duty of care, thus they are not liable.

On January 8, 1996, the grandson of the plaintiffs was visiting his grandparents' home when a neighbor voluntarily and spontaneously started using his snowblower to clear the snow from the grandparents' sidewalk. The mother of the three year-old grandson placed the boy in front of a dining room window to watch the snowblowing while the grandmother went outside to thank the neighbor for his efforts.

At that time, the snowblower propelled a hard object through the dining room window in front of where the three year-old was standing. The object shattered the window and a shard of glass went into the boy's eye, causing a laceration to the cornea. He has since undergone surgery to repair the eye.

The Court said the question is not whether the accident was physically or mechanically possible, but whether, in the circumstances, the law should require reasonable homeowners to take steps to avert the happening of such an accident.

The accident that occurred to the boy was a bizarre and freakish one. The evidence offered would not rationally support a verdict that the homeowners had violated their duty of reasonable care.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

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There's a myriad of details involved in selling your home. If you're planning to sell, you'll need to know how to handle offers you receive on your home.

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When you receive an offer, carefully review it because once you and the buyer sign it, it becomes the contract of the sale.

Don't be concerned if the offer is your asking price. That means you priced your home right! If the offer is less than you wanted, look at the contract as a whole. Perhaps the buyer is assuming some of the closing expenses you expected to pay. And consider splitting the difference if you and the buyer come within about \$1,000 of each other.

You can accept the terms of the offer and sign it, make a counteroffer to the buyer with some changes, or reject the offer entirely. If you counteroffer, realize that there may be more counteroffers before the final agreement is signed.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

THOMAS BURTON, President of Hampden Savings Bank (center), joins **Nancy Mirkin**, Assistant Vice President, and **Glenn Welch**, Vice President, of Business Banking in celebrating the expansion of the Bank's downtown Springfield Full Service Office.

Hampden Savings Bank Expands Downtown Springfield Office

Hampden Savings Bank has expanded its downtown Springfield Full Service Office with the renovation of 5,000 square feet at 77-83 Market Place, adjacent to its present location.

The expansion, which cost an estimated \$300,000 for renovations, will mean additional new jobs at the bank and will bring its total downtown space to over 20,000 square feet. Upon the completion of this project, Hampden Savings Bank will have invested close to a half million dollars in improvements to its downtown offices over the last five years.

"We look at this expansion and renovation as another sign of our commitment to the downtown commercial district," stated Thomas R. Burton, president and C.E.O. of Hampden Savings Bank and former president of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce. "Downtown remains the best location to service the business and legal communities as well as each of our other Full Service Offices in Springfield and surrounding towns."

Mr. Burton stated that the Bank's Mortgage and Retail Loan, Business Banking and Accounting departments each were expanding at a rapid rate, putting pressure on the bank's existing office space. "Prior to expanding, we were bursting at the seams in terms of office space. We also felt the need to develop a central conference and training center for our clients, employees, and trustees."

"Close to a thousand square feet of our new space is reserved for that purpose. Every month, a significant portion of our 55 current employees will visit the downtown conference center. Many of these employees will pay for parking, eat lunch at area restaurants, and shop at downtown stores. I think that this expansion is good news for us and for downtown as a whole!"

The expansion was made possible through negotiations with Peter and Paul Johnson, owners of the property. "I am very grateful to the Johnsons for their cooperation and assistance in making this expansion a reality. They, like Hampden Savings Bank, are very committed to downtown and wanted to make sure the space would contribute to the area's comeback," Burton concluded.

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THANKS TO ITS POPULAR BINGO PROGRAM, the Polish American Club recently donated \$1,000 to the Captain Charles Leonard House for the restoration of its Pine Room and kitchen. From left to right: **Jim Griffin**, head bingo caller at the Polish American Club; **Marilyn Curry**, Leonard House Trustee; **Jim Loomis**, President of the Leonard House Trustees; and **Joanne Horacek**, the newest member of the Polish American Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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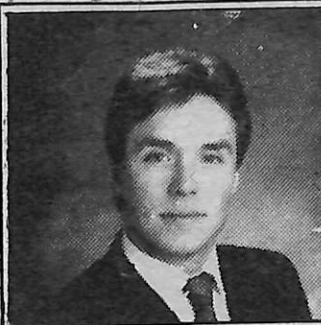
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Workout Dropouts...

Many of my patients join a health club or fitness center. For quite a few, after a few months they start to slowly decrease the amount of time they're spending at the club. Then eventually they stop going altogether. Sound familiar? I started wondering why this is very often the case.

I think people enjoy working out and enjoy the effects of the workout. I believe what is lacking, though, is an emotional component. There's a feeling of guilt for spending time only on yourself and not benefitting anything or anyone but you.

What happens is you can justify not going because your kids need a ride to the game, the house needs cleaning, etc. Somebody else benefits from that time that was yours.

I tend to be the same way — finding it hard to work out at a club on a routine basis. However, I do awake early and run three to five miles a day. I justify this because...

- 1) my son is still asleep;
- 2) I'm getting not only aerobic exercise, but also fresh air and sunshine;
- 3) I get to check out people's houses, gardens, etc.

That's why walking is so popular in the nicer weather. You get fresh air, conversation with a partner, and good exercise, plus you can bring along the baby, kids, spouse, etc.

People can do exercise all day as long as there is somebody or something else to benefit from the work. For example, not many people would spend hours in the garden if there were no vegetables or flowers being produced.

Who would chop wood if you didn't see the results from the activity? Who would clean house if you didn't witness immediate results? These activities not only are a physical activity, but they provide the emotional component — something achieved or produced. ***

Therefore, I challenge all you inventors out there, to produce an exercise machine that stores the energy that was used to work out. The stored energy could be used to heat our homes in the winter and decrease our energy bills. Or we could stockpile the energy and give it to less fortunate individuals to help provide for their needs.

So what would eventually happen is more people would be motivated to work out, which would result in a healthier population and less stressed people because not only would they be physically fit, but they wouldn't have to spend so much money on energy. How does that sound?

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. She is available to answer questions on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at 786-4820.

Alliance For The Mentally Ill To Hold April 29th Program

Please join members of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Western Massachusetts as they impart their stories to the community in an effort to replace myth and stigma with fact and understanding.

The presentation will take place on Wednesday, April 29th, at 12:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center. Speakers will include Jane Moser, Alliance President, and Ronnie Darling, Administrative Advocate for the Alliance.

We will explore the possibility of a future support group being held at the Senior Center in the day/evening and whether or not there is a need for one.

After the presentation, free educational brochures on depression, bipolar illness, schizophrenia, obsessive compulsive disorders, anxiety disorders, and related topics will be available.

The Alliance is a grassroots organization providing advocacy and support to individuals and families coping with mental illness. Come and learn how people with mental illness and family members meet their daily challenges and life struggles with dignity and hope.

Low Back Pain...

In case you are not yet aware of it, the U.S. government's Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) has made some remarkable statements regarding contemporary treatment for low back pain.

In addition to mild analgesics and application of heat/ice, **spinal manipulation** (spinal adjustments), when performed by a professional, can be helpful for many!

Of course, doctors of chiropractic have been advocating this type of treatment for decades. Why did the federal government finally publish this now fully-endorsed form of treatment?

These statements may have been prompted by some shocking statistics.

From 1979-81 to 1988-90, in each sex, the rate of hospitalization with lumbar (low back) spine surgery increased 33 percent in each sex, with the rate for lumbar fusion surgery increasing 60 percent in each sex, the rate for lumbar disc surgery increasing 40 percent among males and 21 percent among females, and the rate for lumbar exploration/decompression surgery increasing 65 percent in each sex. (Spine Magazine 1994; 19(10): 1117-1124.)

National survey data indicate that from 1979 to 1990, **spinal surgeries increased 137 percent**, while the population older than 25 years of age (on whom almost all of these operations are done) rose only 23 percent. The author concluded that "surgery rates are influenced by the ratio of surgeons to population." (Wennberg J, Gittlesohn A. *Variations in medical care among small area*. Sci. Am 1992;246 (4):120-34.)

A second study compared back surgery rates between the U.S. and the rest of the world. The authors found, "The rate of back surgery in the United States was at least 40 percent higher than any other country and was more than five times those in England and Scotland. Back surgery rates increased almost linearly with the per capita supply of orthopedic and neurosurgeons in the country." (Cherkin DC, Deyo RA, Loeser JD, Bush T, Waddell G. *An International comparison of back surgery rates*. Spine 1994;19(11): 1201-1206.)

Do you have back pain? The Schlaffer Chiropractic Office is available to answer your questions. Call 789-1369.

Do Herbs & Pregnancy Mix?

More and more women are using herbs to help them through the aches and pains of pregnancy.

In her final weeks of pregnancy, Sara Travis is a healthy eater, who watches her diet and eats organic foods. But Sara is also using herbs during pregnancy. She made that decision after finding out she was going to have a baby.

Sara says, "I started with a conventional doctor and then I really didn't like the way that was going, and so we looked into a midwife and she highly recommended the red raspberry tea." That's an herb that Elizabeth Stallings recommends to pregnant customers at Harvest Health, an organic food and herb store. Stallings says, "It's very mild with no side effects and it's good for building the uterine wall for delivery."

Prepackaged herbs can sometimes offer relief of common complaints, like ginger for morning sickness, or chamomile and lavender blossoms for insomnia. You can use herbs in tea form or you can find them in pills as well as in essential oils.

So, how new is using herbs to treat common ailments? Stallings says, "It's probably growing, but it's not new. It's something that came along before the traditional medicines did, I'm sure. So, we're just getting back to nature."

Herbs appear to be working for Sara Travis, but there are some herbs you should stay away from during pregnancy. You should consult books on herbs, your doctor, or midwife to get the best advice.

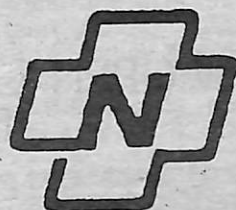
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Arts

Red Door Theatre Offers Something For Everyone

The Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills, MA, has a full slate of theatre in production.

This weekend (April 24th-26th), STAGE Children's Theatre is presenting "Momotaro, The Peach Boy." This ancient Japanese folk tale, adapted by STAGE producer Lyle Pearsons, culminates a week-long school vacation camp attended by 27 local young people.

Next month, the musical "The Fantasticks" will be presented by the STAGE 3 Family Theatre. Running May 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 9th, and 10th, this delightful show will be presented in the round, and the setting is cabaret-style seating. Audiences are encouraged to bring their own basket of goodies and enjoy the candlelit, intimate atmosphere that surrounds this whimsical, romantic story of two young lovers whose parents keep them apart so that they may "get together."

On June 13th, the premiere of "The Golden Goose" will take place at the Red Door Theatre. Produced by the STAGE Teen Ensemble Theatre, this play is geared to very young audiences and will feature a special performance on June 12th for Suffield's Spaulding School kindergarten (who, for the third year, will be bussed to see this live, audience-participation children's theatre).

Reservations for all shows at the Red Door Theatre are a must, as most performances do sell out. For tickets and price information, call (413) 789-2026.

For all the local news, you turn our pages every week...



AGAWAM RESIDENTS IN RED DOOR MUSICAL: "This plum is too ripe," declares Matt (Steve Sands) as his mother (Marilene Allen) decries his fanciful ways in a scene from the longest-running musical, "The Fantasticks," scheduled to run at the Red Door Theatre on May 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 9th at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays, May 3rd and 10th, at 2:00 p.m. The popular musical boasts the talents of Marcy Secora as Matt's love interest, Louisa; Margie Secora as her real and stage mother, Amanda; Dana Ring and Scott Belisle as the tattered thespians, Henry and Mortimer; director Lyle Pearsons as El Gallo; and Morgan Allen as the Mute. Tickets for this cabaret-style seating musical may be reserved by calling (413) 789-2026.

Buffet And Comedy Night Scheduled For May 1st At Dante Club In West Springfield

The Dante Club bocce teams will be presenting a buffet and comedy night, featuring "Mark Rossi and Company," on Friday, May 1st, at the Dante Club (Joe Zecchi Hall), Memorial Avenue, West Springfield.

The buffet will begin at 6:00 p.m., and the show is scheduled to commence at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$18 per person. For tickets and/or more information, please call the Dante Club at 734-9301.

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Tickets Still Available For WTG's "The Sound Of Music"

The Westfield Theatre Group, a department of the Westfield Woman's Club, still has tickets available for its production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music."

The show continues April 24th-25th and May 1st-2nd, all at 8:00 p.m., with matinees on Saturdays, April 25th and May 2nd, at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$12.50 for adults, and \$10 for students and seniors.

The show is directed by Larry Andersen and Kathleen Palmer, with musical direction provided by Karen Lampiasi. Sue Ingraham portrays Maria, and Bill Storozuk plays Captain von Trapp.

Other cast members include Westfield residents Tom Gannon, Patricia Thomas, Shelley Haber, Matt Worden, and Tom LeCourt. The children are played by Kristen Donnelly, John Farrell, Lindsey Herring, Tricia Hatch, Rob Morgan, Amy Sitler, and Camille Coppola.

This wonderful show features such musical numbers as "Do-Re-Mi," "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," and (of course) "The Sound of Music."

Bring out the entire family to enjoy a wonderful performance full of laughter and tears, good music, and great family entertainment. Call today at 572-6838 to make your reservations.

Musician To Appear At Agawam Library

The Cultural Councils of Agawam and Massachusetts present David Polansky in a First Friday concert at the Agawam Public Library on Friday, May 1st at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Polansky will be performing a fun-filled family-oriented evening with something for everyone. He is an accomplished musician, playing both piano and trumpet, while encouraging audience participation.

This award-winning entertainer is sure to please the whole family, children to grandparents. Join us for this free concert on Friday, May 1st at the Agawam Public Library.

Spaces Still Left In Babysitting Program

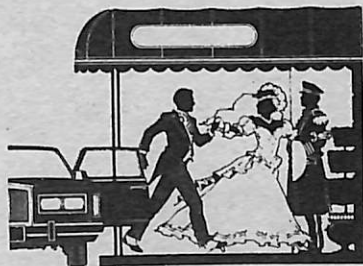
There are still some spaces left in the Agawam Public Library's "Introduction To Babysitting" series beginning on Thursday, April 28th at 4:00 p.m., and continuing for three successive Thursdays.

The program is free and open to all Agawam and Feeding Hills youngsters who are at least 10 years-old.

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The 17th Annual WestFest Is Scheduled To Run May 16th & 17th

WestFest is a community arts festival which celebrates its 17th anniversary on May 16 and 17, 1998. The event is held each spring at Stanley Park in Westfield, a lovely site noted for its many acres of gardens, nature preserve, and recreational facilities.

Visitors to WestFest are advised to allow plenty of extra time to explore this beautifully maintained treasure. The festival attracts up to 10,000 patrons each year from throughout the region and begins on Saturday morning with an Arts Parade sponsored by the Mayor's Office.

WestFest is a non-profit cultural program originally developed by the Westfield Arts Council. Funding is provided in part by grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as support from community groups, businesses, and individuals.

The event is planned and executed by an unpaid volunteer staff, with the aid of numerous volunteers from the greater Westfield area.

Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily; admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Children under 12 years of age are admitted free (about a third of WestFest's visitors are children).

On Saturday, patrons who wish to return on Sunday can request a half-price pass at the gate on exiting the festival. This special "Come Back On Sunday" promotion offers shoppers the opportunity to return for those purchases they wish they had made or just to enjoy more of WestFest.

The visual arts are represented at WestFest by a juried Arts & Crafts Show, with approximately 135 artisans from throughout New England and beyond. To encourage excellence in the visual arts, WestFest sponsors a Visual Arts Award Show, which features \$3,500 in prizes awarded in fine arts, original crafts, and photography categories, including a \$1,000 Best In Show Award.

Prizes for this show, as well as arts scholarships and High School Art Show awards, are presented during a traditional 11:00 a.m. Sunday awards ceremony. A variety of art demonstrations are scheduled throughout the weekend to give the public an opportunity to see artists and craftsmen at work, and talk to them about the creative process.

Planned demonstrations include portrait painting, concrete garden and container sculpting, Twig Furniture construction, and watercolor painting.

The joy of performance comes to life in

WestFest's performing arts tent, where everything from the blues to Indian dance has been showcased. Featured artists in the performance tent have included a wide variety of styles, from contemporary country and folk to classical and jazz.

Roving performers such as jugglers, minstrels can be found giving impromptu performances as they stroll around the grounds. As always, there are several programs and performances scheduled especially for WestFest's young audience.

A relatively recent addition to the WestFest cultural family is the Youth Art Show. Young artists in grades K-8 from cities and towns throughout the area are invited to submit their best work to be displayed in the show, and each is a "winner" (receiving a special prize ribbon).

In addition, there is a separate show for high school students, where these young artists have an opportunity to participate in a juried exhibition process, competing for cash awards to reward their excellence in the visual arts. Hands-on art activities such as puppet-making can be also found in the Youth Art area.

The year 1998 marks the eighth year for the innovative WestFest Arts Scholarship program. Over \$3,000 will be awarded this year to talented young people in Hampden County.

The children who are in grades three through college may use the funds towards college tuition, extracurricular enrichment programs and instruction, or as reimbursement for equipment and supplies.

Eligible categories include music, dance, theater, visual arts, and writing. Everyone associated with WestFest is very excited by this program and feels that it is a valuable investment in our cultural future.

Festival-goers spending the day at WestFest will find a variety of foods to suit every taste. Many of our food concessions are operated by non-profit organizations who return their earnings to the community. Menu selections range from basic burgers and hot dogs to baked potatoes, wraps, homemade desserts, ice cream, drinks, and munchies.

WestFest is held rain or shine and includes both tents and outdoor events. Main tent facilities include three Arts & Crafts Show tents, the Award Show and Art Demonstration tents, food and picnic area tents, the Youth Art Complex tent, and the Performance Stage tent.

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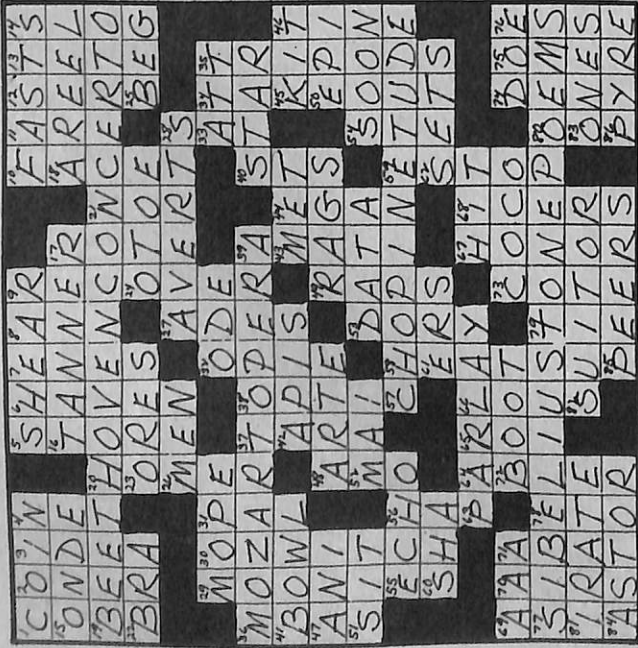
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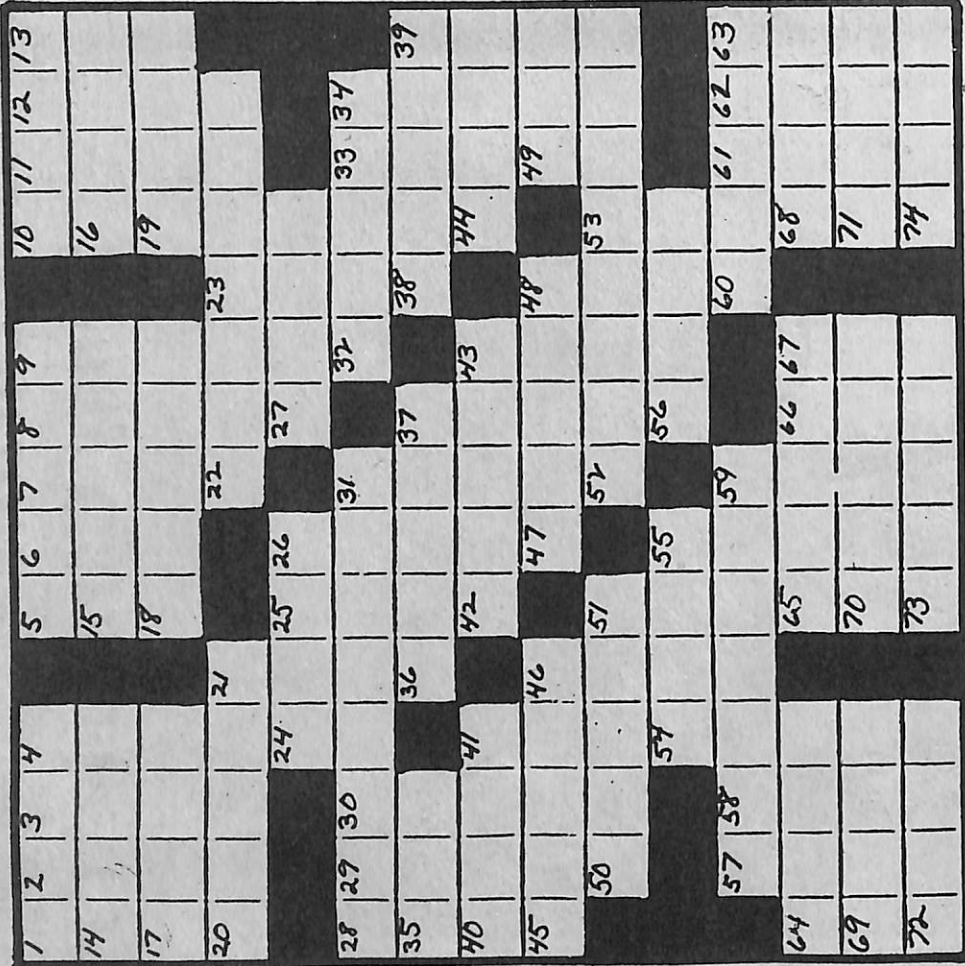
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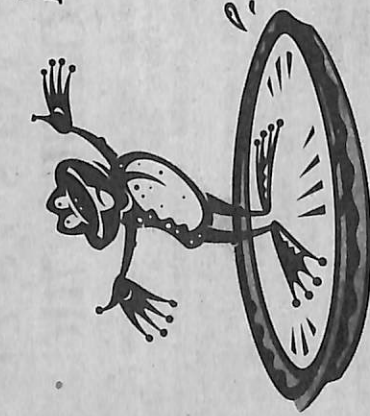
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Education

Penny Carnival At Perry Lane Preschool



PERRY LANE PRESCHOOL held a Penny Carnival on Tuesday, April 14th for the kids and their parents to enjoy. From left - Emily Orell shows good form with the basketball; in photo right, Danielle Kodess has a strong arm in the bean toss. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Keith Jendza Is Named To Faculty Honors List At Trinity College

Keith Jendza, son of Richard P. Jendza of 61 S. Westfield St., and Jacqueline M. Jendza of 51 Colmore St., Feeding Hills was among 179 undergraduates named to the Faculty Honors list for the 1997 fall semester at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

He is a member of the Class of 2001 and is a graduate of Agawam High School.

To earn this honor, a student must achieve a semester grade point average of A-minus or better, with no individual letter grade below B-minus.

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Agawam Teachers With 25 Years To Be Feted On May 7th

The City of Agawam has 112 teachers and administrators who have 25 years or more of dedicated service to the schoolchildren of Agawam.

The Agawam Education Association is holding a dinner at Chez Josef on Thursday, May 7th to recognize and honor these teachers and administrators.

Mary Ginley, Massachusetts Teacher of the Year, will be our featured speaker. Our celebration begins at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour and dinner begins at 6:30.

Anyone interested in joining in this celebration should contact Barbara Connery at 786-2671. Tickets are \$25.

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Annual Spelling Bee For Agawam Students On Friday, May 1st

The public is invited to attend a townwide Spelling Bee on Friday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School. The contestants have been chosen from the four elementary schools and the Middle School.

Mr. Paul Sutton will be this year's pronouncer and the judges are as follows: Mrs. Linda Galarneau, member of the Agawam School Committee, Ms. Wendy McAnanama, librarian, and Ms. Jeanne Hofmann, Children's Librarian.

Awards will be presented to all participants and prizes will be given to first- and second-place winners at each grade level.

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Shakespeare Is Alive & Well & Living At AHS!

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The guest of honor was present in spirit only for Agawam High School's week-long celebration of his birthday, but some of his creations, the most widely recognized characters in English literature, were there in person.

Angst-ridden Hamlet, star-crossed lovers Romeo and Juliet, sinister Iago, jealous Othello, and murderous MacBeth, along with lesser characters, starred in scenes from William Shakespeare's plays in a student production culminating the week's festivities.

Put on by students in Larry O'Brien's Advanced Placement English courses, the fourth Annual Shakespeare Week was held the week before April vacation to commemorate his 434th birthday with poster and trivia contests, scenes from the plays acted out for the English classes, and with a showcase filled with Shakespearean board games, as well as models, props, and projects created by students in previous years.

Each year, O'Brien gives his students "playbills" outlining the various activities they can participate in to earn class credit. Students get points for dressing as a Shakespearean character on costume day, performing a scene for a freshman or sophomore English class, making a poster to advertise the celebration, answering trivia questions, making a video, or appearing on stage in the student assembly. This year, students who traveled to Northampton to attend a medieval fair celebrating Shakespeare's birthday would earn extra credit, O'Brien said.

O'Brien said his students enjoy bringing their favorite scenes to life in their visits to freshman and sophomore English classes, and the younger students enjoy getting an introduction to Shakespeare from a student dressed in character.

"It's been a good week for the kids to learn more about the plays and to keep Shakespeare alive for them," O'Brien said.

For English teacher and Shakespeare Society co-advisor Kathleen Mounieimneh, the classroom performances came at just the right time for her freshman classes who will begin their study of "Romeo and Juliet" after spring vacation.

Mrs. Mounieimneh said her students were attentive and appreciated the efforts of the upperclassmen who came to perform scenes for them.

"It was good for my class to see upperclassmen who weren't shy about enjoying Shakespeare and acting out a scene," Mrs. Mounieimneh said. "I could see that my kids were thinking, 'Maybe this Shakespeare isn't so boring after all.'"

Staged Production & Classroom Visits

It is during their classroom study of the plays that most of the students find the parts they will play in the staged production and in their classroom visits. Besides requiring his students to memorize a speech or a scene from each of the plays they study, O'Brien has the students act out the parts in class, dressed as the characters, rather than merely read through the works.

"Over the years, I have found it's much better to



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS recently portrayed various characters from William Shakespeare's popular plays during the Fourth Annual Shakespeare Week at the school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

draw the kids into the play by setting up my room as a stage and by having them dress in costume," O'Brien said.

Brad Tilden found himself drawn into the character of Hamlet when he took on the role in class, choosing the "To be or not to be" soliloquy for his classroom visits.

"I think that speech is an excellent portrayal of Hamlet as a person," Brad said. "Once you see it animated, it gets a lot more interesting. Maybe seeing the highlights of the plays will get some people to read the plays."

Geoff Krapf also turned a class assignment into the scene from "Othello" that he performed on stage at the assembly.

"This is a quick scene with Othello in a jealous rage," Geoff said. "It's a good scene to put on stage because it has a lot of action in it."

Preparations for the birthday bash begin with the Shakespeare Society, a group of O'Brien's students who meet after school to study and discuss the plays, as well as plan and coordinate the week's activities.

As Lord and Lady Chamberlains of the Society, students Eric Robinson and Michele Ingalls oversaw several student committees and worked with Mrs. Mounieimneh in staging the Friday afternoon performance for an audience of close to 200 students.

"It was a lot of work, but we enjoyed planning the assembly. We had a good time because everyone acting in the scenes is really into it this year," Eric said.

Outfitted in a costume she had made, Michele and Eric served as emcees introducing the skits and took the stage as Romeo and Juliet for the final performance of the afternoon in a surprising twist on the famous balcony scene.

"We decided to switch the male and female roles, so I'll be playing Romeo," Michele explained. "People think of Shakespeare as boring and

we wanted to jazz it up and make it more interesting."

Students performing scenes from "Hamlet" were Brad Tilden, Andy St. Jean, Daryl St. Laurent, Jenn Zerra, Ryan White, David Cassanelli, Ted Lee, Kate Anderson, and Lonnie DeLuca.

Performing scenes from "Othello" were Geoff Krapf, Eric Robinson, and Kevin Cornwell. Jon Dezielle appeared as MacBeth. Jay Bernard and Angela Gontczaruk put on a scene from "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Eric Robinson and Michele Ingalls were Romeo and Juliet.

The stage crew included Sarah Bonini, Jen Smist, Shawn Sherry, Karen Shaw, Angie Tassinari, and Tracy Butler.

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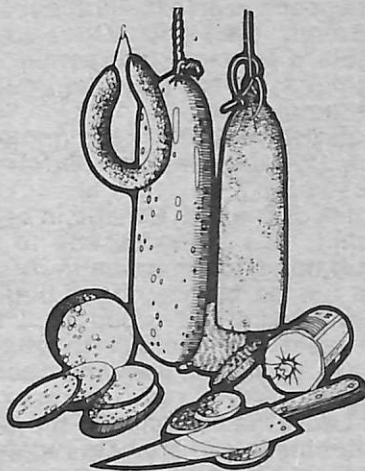
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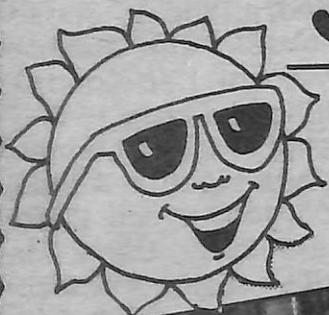
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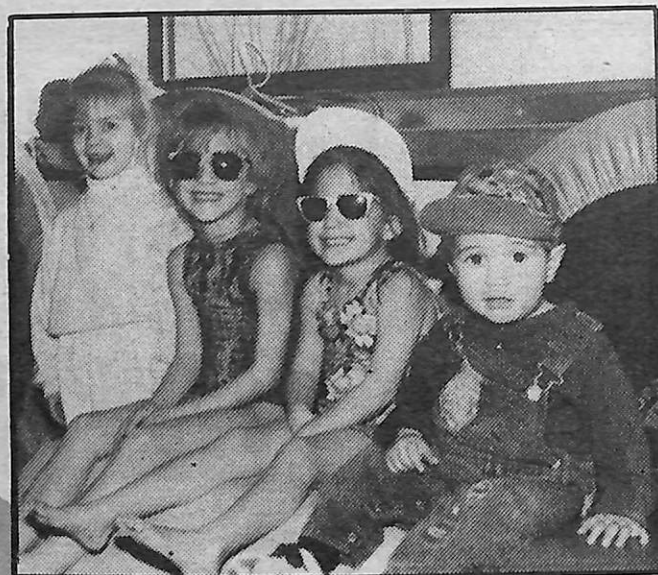
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Tuesday, April 28th: Spaghetti with meat sauce, seasoned broccoli cuts, Italian bread and butter, cherry cobbler, milk.

Wednesday, April 29th: Steamed frankfort in roll, Boston baked beans, seasoned green and wax beans, chilled pineapple tidbits or chocolate cake with icing, milk.

Thursday, April 30th: Roast turkey with gravy on whipped potatoes, seasoned mixed vegetables, wheat bread and butter, rosy applesauce or orange jello with topping, milk.

Friday, May 1st: Cup of orange juice, tuna salad sandwich or Fluffernutter, oven potato rounds with catsup, ice cream, milk.

Town Students At STCC Recognized For Achievements

One hundred twenty-five students at Springfield Technical Community College were recognized on Monday, April 13th for inclusion in the 1998 edition of the *Talent Roster of Outstanding Transfer Students from Community Colleges*.

President Andrew M. Scibelli presented a certificate of achievement to each student in a ceremony held in the seventh floor conference center of Scibelli Hall.

Criteria for this award are the achievement of a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, the completion of 60 or more college credits, and the intention of pursuing a baccalaureate degree at a four-year college or university.

Executive Vice President John Dunn noted that while students may transfer from many of STCC's 46 associate degree programs, several academic programs are specifically designed to provide the first two years of a four-year course of study.

STCC has also established articulation agreements with several four-year colleges in the region, through which STCC graduates may transfer as full juniors.

Agawam residents who were honored include **Danielle Roy** and **Kenneth Smyth**. Feeding Hills residents receiving awards were **Stephen Cloutier** and **James Kerr**.

The *Talent Roster of Transfer Students* is published each year by the National Recognition Program and distributed to four-year colleges and universities to promote the recruitment of these academically-talented students.

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Elana L. Campurciani, daughter of Dorothea DiStefano of Feeding Hills, was recently nominated by Mitchell College in New London, Connecticut, to *Who's Who Among Students In American Junior Colleges*.

Selections are made by campus nominating committees and are based on decidedly above-average academic standing, community service, leadership ability, and potential for continued service.

Elana is currently involved in various campus and community activities, some of which include being a charity fundraiser coordinator, S.A.A.D. Representative, and Student Government Council Representative.

She maintains a 3.0 GPA and will be graduating in May of this year with a her Associate's Degree in Human Services, with plans of attending a four-year institution in the fall.

Timothy Hourihan Receives Award From Nichols College

Timothy Hourihan of Agawam, a senior at Nichols College, received the Newman Apostolate Award and Theatre Company Award at the Spring Honors Weekend banquet on Saturday, April 18th.

Nichols, a four-year college of professional studies, prepares students to become productive members of society through successful careers in industry, entrepreneurship, and public service.

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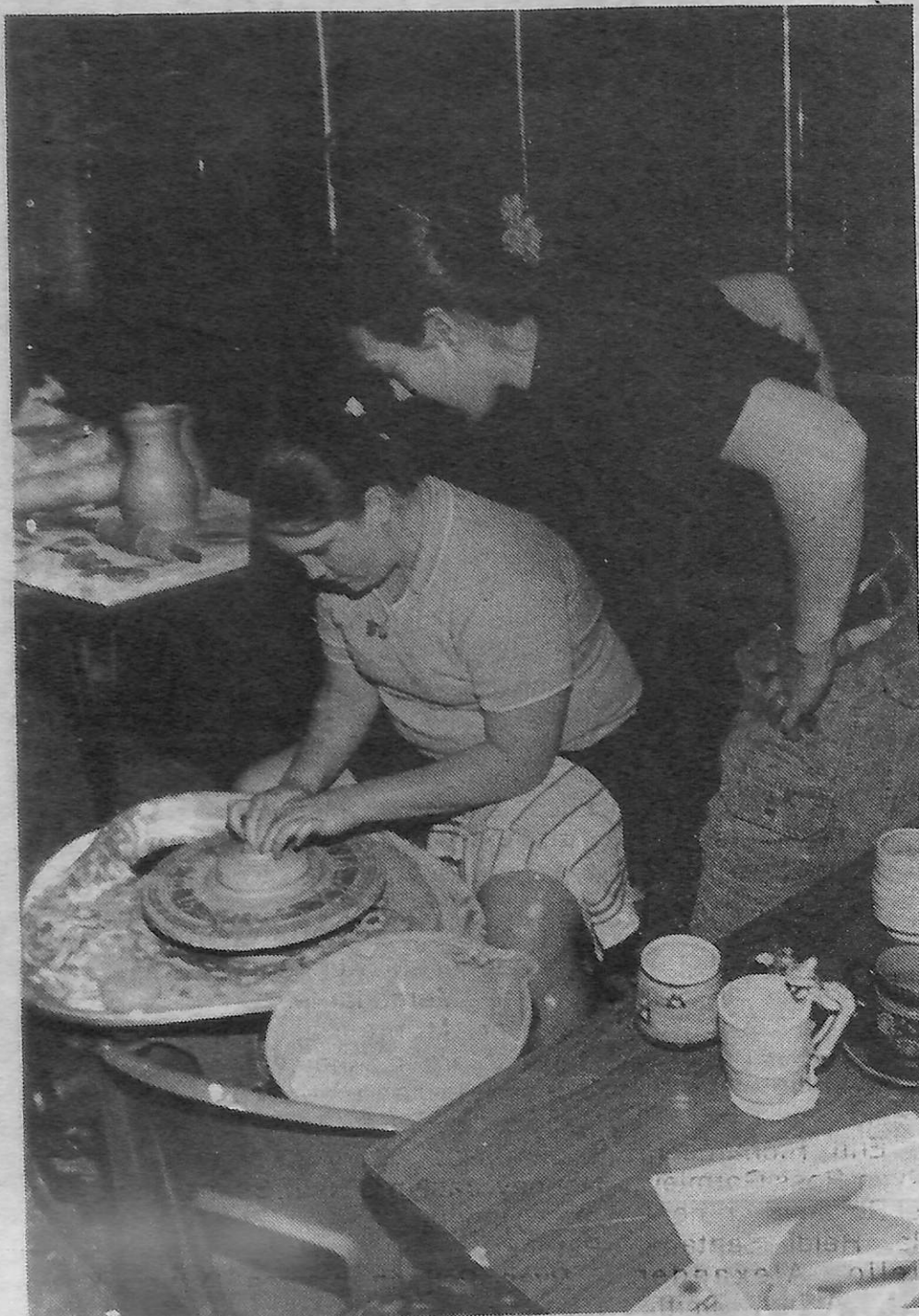
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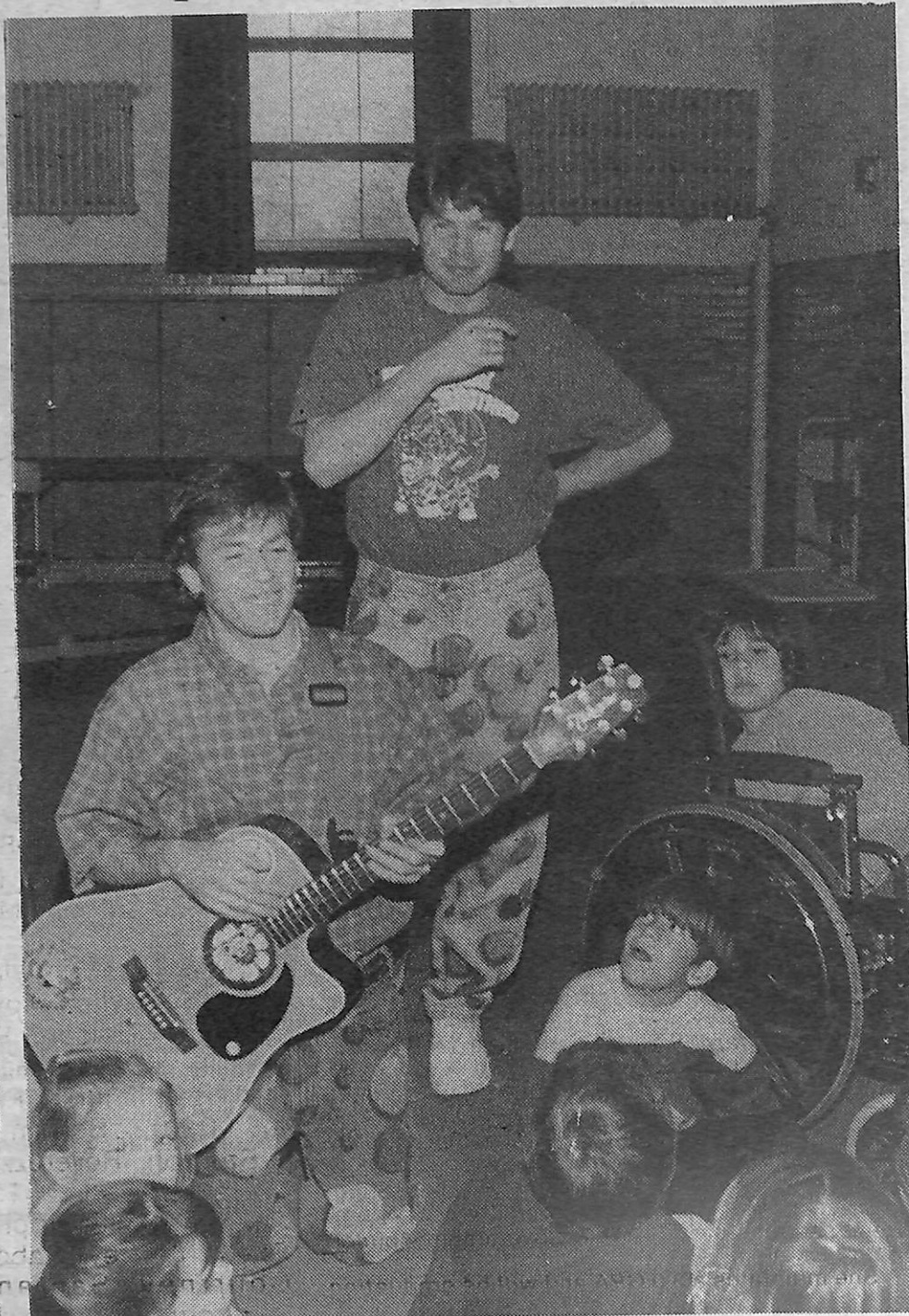
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KALEIDOSCOPE POTTERS of Easthampton, represented by Amy Smith (right), came to the Jr. High recently to give a pottery demonstration. Amy is admiring the work of seventh grader Brittany Theriaque. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Phelps Entertained By Zucchini



THE ZUCCHINI BROTHERS, Steve, Jack, and Sam presented workshops and an assembly on the environment with first grade classes at Phelps School. The first graders helped to compose songs during morning workshops and performed during the afternoon assembly. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Elementary Curriculum Night Scheduled For Wednesday, April 29th

On Wednesday, April 29th, the Agawam Public Schools will conduct an "Elementary Curriculum Night" for parents of students in grades PreK-6 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria at Robinson Park School.

Mary Czajkowski, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, explains that elementary teachers have worked diligently this year to align the new curriculum with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. She knows many parents, who have heard about these changes, have questions and concerns as to how they will affect their children's education.

Ms. Czajkowski says that the informational program not only will provide parents with an opportunity to receive answers to their questions and concerns, but also will showcase the many exciting and innovative things that are taking place in Agawam's schools as the new elementary curriculum is implemented.

In addition to viewing displays of student work from each grade level across the PreK-6 curriculum, parents will be able to meet the elementary specialists who were influential in selecting textbooks and materials that correlate with the new curricula. They also will learn more about the MCAS assessment tests that will be administered to fourth graders beginning the first week in May.

Scheduling Info. Nights Planned For Sixth And Seventh Grade Students

The Agawam Junior High School will be holding two scheduling and curriculum information nights.

The first night will be for parents of sixth grade students on Monday, April 27th, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the junior high auditorium. The second night will be for parents of seventh grade students on Wednesday, April 29th, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the junior high auditorium.

Both nights will include information dealing with scheduling, homework, report cards, student agendas, and promotion policy. Light refreshments will be served.

Town Students Named To Honor Roll At St. Mary's School

The following students from the Agawam/Feeding Hills area have been named to the honor roll for the third quarter at St. Mary's School in Longmeadow:

Grade 8: High Honors - Nicole DeCesare and Brittany Locke; Honors - Lucas Dempsey.

Grade 7: High Honors - Karen Prisby.

Grade 6: High Honors - Kathleen Ratkiewicz; Honors - Rebecca Dempsey.

Grade 5: High Honors - Thomas DeCosmo; Honors - Jacqueline Svadeba.

Grade 4: High Honors - Michael Prisby.

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AHS Band Holds Bottle & Can Drive



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL BAND held a bottle and can drive on Saturday, April 18th to raise funds for the organization. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Bertolino A College Scholar At Middlebury

Steven J. Bertolino, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles J. Bertolino of Agawam, has been named a College Scholar for the fall term at Middlebury College.

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Sports

Brownie Bats Batter EL In Softball, 19-2

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' softball team ran its record to 5-0 with a visit to East Longmeadow and a 19-2 tap dance over the Spartans.

However, the Brownies are a hurting group these days. Pitcher Lindsay Mason wasn't available for duty because of a bad back expected to keep her out of the lineup for at least two weeks. Centerfielder Steph Fleming was also on the injured list.

So, Coach Deb Lickley did a little mixing and matching for this one. Senior mega-star Kristen Patterson was back in the lead-off spot. Freshman Amanda Merola started in centerfield. "We've got four games this week. I hope the kids will hold together," Coach Debbie Lickley said before the festivities started.

The Tell Tale Heart Team

Agawam, pounding along like the "Tell Tale Heart," never skipped a beat by belting out 15 hits and playing error-free defense. Patterson started things off in the top of the first, driving a triple to left-center. Amy Mastroianni reached on an error and Patterson sprinted home.

An Amber Conte single sent Mastroianni to second. Catcher Dianna DiStefano hit into a 6-5 fielder's choice, with Mastroianni out at third. With two out after a Jill Gendron (frosh) pop-out, designated player Jess Montagna reached on an error, scoring Conte. A pop single by senior rightfielder Vanessa Galluzzo scored DiStefano. The Brownies had three on the board, quick as a wink.

The Spartans were facing junior Ali Jackobek, the other half of the Brownie pitching tandem. A lead-off walk, followed by a single, a hit batter, and a sacrifice fly got East Longmeadow a run before Jackobek settled down and finished off the side with a strikeout and a pop to second. After one, Agawam led, 3-1.

For the record, it was over in the second inning. But not necessarily because the Brownies were melting the aluminum off their bats. EL would commit three errors in the field, leading to six Agawam runs. The Spartans would have eight errors on the chilly afternoon.

Merola, who would have a fine game with three singles in four trips (three runs scored, three RBI, and two stolen bases) in a substitute role, started things off with a single. A walk, plus three straight errors, saw four Agawam runs cross the plate.

The big blow of the inning was a run scoring double by freshman firstsacker Jill Gendron, who would have two doubles on the day. Agawam sent 11 hitters to the dish. Of the six runs scored by the Brownies in that inning, none were earned.

The Spartans staggered up for their half of the inning. To their credit, they didn't roll over. To Jackobek's credit, she pitched her way out of a mess. After a lead-off out, a double, single, and walk loaded the bases, she reached back for a little something extra and punched out the next two EL batters. Jackobek would end up with eight strikeouts on the day. But without a doubt, those two were the ones that mattered most. It was time for the Spartans to start contemplating a ride home on their shields.

The Brownies scored two more in the third. Mastroianni, who would reach base five of six times in the game, walked. Mastroianni went to second on an error off a DiStefano fly to center. Gendron singled her home. DiStefano then came home on a Galluzzo single. EL took a bagel in the bottom of the inning. Agawam led, 11-1 going into the fourth.

The Brownies got three more in the top of the fourth, doing their damage with two early outs. Mastroianni reached on a bloop single that saw the Spartan shortstop and centerfielder collide. Conte reached on another error. Mastroianni stole third. DiStefano then laced a triple to center, scoring two runs. She was driven home via a Gendron double. EL managed a run in the bottom of the inning, making it 14-2, Agawam.

Brownie Bombardment Continues

The Brownie bombardment continued in the fifth. Junior Erin Rescigno went to first on an error. Merola had another single, this time by way of a bunt. Patterson hit into a 6-3 fielder's choice, with Rescigno out at third. Mastroianni singled in Merola. Conte singled in Patterson. EL, now into their full swoon, went down in order.

The sixth inning gave AHS three more runs. Three walks (Montagna, Galluzzo, and Rescigno) loaded them up with no outs. Merola singled in



COACH DEBBIE LICKLEY (center) and her 1998 Agawam High girls' varsity softball captains - from left - Amy Mastroianni, Kristen Patterson, Steph Fleming, and Amber Conte.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

two runs. Patterson walked and Conte's single drove in another.

The game ended with one out and a Spartan on first. Patterson fielded a hard grounder, stepped on second, and pegged to first for the double play, ending the game via the 15-run mercy rule. Of Agawam's 19 runs, 11 were unearned. The Spartans, a strong team the past few years, dropped to 1-5.

BROWNIE STATS: Patterson: 1-4 (3b), 3 rs, 1 sb;

Mastroianni: 2-5, 4 rbi, 3 rs, 1 sb; Conte: 3-6, 3 rbi, 3 rs; DiStefano: 1-4 (3 b), 4 rbi, 4 rs; Gendron: 3-5 (2 dbls), 3 rbi, 1 rs; Montagna: 0-3, 1 rbi, 1 rs, 2 sb; Galluzzo: 2-3, 1 rbi, 1 rs; Moysis: 0-2; Merola: 3-4, 3 rbi, 3 rs, 2 sb; Rescigno: 0-1, 1 rs.

HITTING: AB - 37, HITS - 15, .405 TBA.

PITCHING: Jackobek: 6 IP; 3 H; 2 R; 2 ER; 5 BB; 8 SO; 2.30 ERA.

EL HITTING: AB - 17, HITS - 3, .176 TBA.

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Brownie Girls' Track Bomb Longmeadow

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Last week, the Agawam High girls' track and field team beat visiting Longmeadow, 91-45 for their second win of the young season in as many matches. While there were no record performances among the Brownies, their efforts showed they are headed in the right direction.

Agawam's Lonnie DeLuca won the long jump with a leap of 15'1 1/2". It was the senior's second leap of the season over 15 feet, which is the length needed to qualify for Western Mass. Sophomore Marie Buendo was second with a jump of 14'7 1/2". DeLuca took second in the triple jump at 27'2" behind the Lancers' 31'1 1/2" turned in by Jessica Farmer.

Brownie sophomore Kerry McGeoghan was tops in the high jump, topping out at 5'2". Two of her teammates, freshmen Sarah Lottermoser and Heather Newalu, took second and third with 4'2", respectively. Junior Barbara Maloni, a threat in both the track and field events, placed first in the shot at 29'6 1/2". Hadden was first in the shotput at 95'8 1/2". The javelin was won by the Brownies' Jess Roy with a throw of 85'7". Both girls are seniors.

Agawam's Christine Campbell, a junior, ran a 17.7 in the high hurdles for a first place finish. The 100 meters was an exciting event. It was won by Agawam's Marie Buendo. She was in a photo finish drag race with Maloni. Buendo went the distance in 13.4. Maloni was only a hitch behind at 13.6. Agawam's Emily Norris was third at 14.5. Maloni isn't usually a 100 meter competitor. "This was my first time in the 100," she said when it was over. From her performance, it looks as though she has a future there.

Agawam, because it has no cross country team, was badly outnumbered in the mile. Newalu fought through the crowd and took a third for Agawam with a time of six minutes flat.

To no one's surprise, Maloni, an All-Western Mass. performer in the 400, won that event with a time of 65 seconds flat. Her teammate, Valerie Seidlik, a freshman, ran a 68.8 for third place.

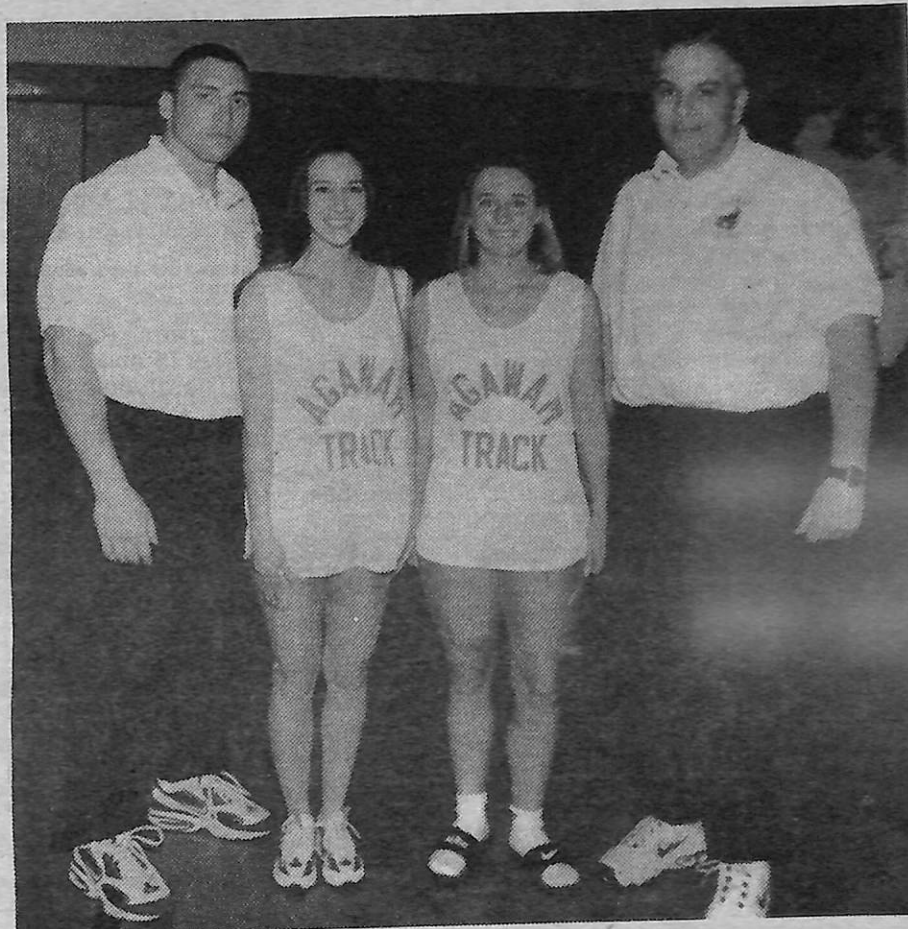
Agawam's Steph Pettazoni was third in the 880 with a time of 2:50.09. Longmeadow won the two mile. But Agawam junior Pia Bertone-Gross, who led for four laps, showed well with a second place finish in a time of 13:45. Bertone-Gross toughed it out with a sprint in the final 50 meters to get that runner-up spot and also qualify for the Western Mass. tournament. Another good showing in the two mile came from first-time track and field athlete Melissa Cote, a junior, who finished fourth.

The team of DeLuca, Norris, Sekkal, and Aimee Loudfoot were first in the 4x400 in a time of 4:49.00. "The track is pretty soft, so a lot of times are slow," Aimee Loudfoot correctly noted. McGeoghan was second in the 300 hurdles at 55.44. Agawam junior Katie Theroux took third with a run of 57.4.



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS of the 1998 Agawam High girls' track team. Back row, from left - Maria Giordano, Heather Green, Linda Roy, Jessica Ferris, Kelly Robinson, Kristin Ferguson, Jessica DeGray, Jennifer Zerra, and Jessica Roy. Front row - Lonnie DeLuca and Aimee Loudfoot. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

CAPTAINS OF THE AHS girls' varsity track team for 1998 are Lonnie DeLuca (left) and Aimee Loudfoot. Coach Dean Vecchiarelli (right) and Assistant Coach Dan Pryce are also pictured. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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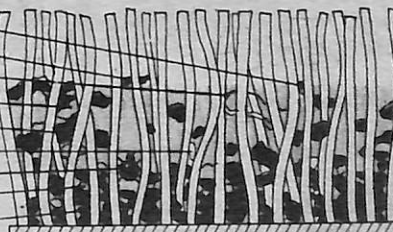
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Drenzek Making Big Impression For AHS Lacrosse

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

At presstime, the Agawam High girls' lacrosse team is off to a 5-1 start. One reason is the play of Sara Drenzek. Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about herself and her time at AHS.

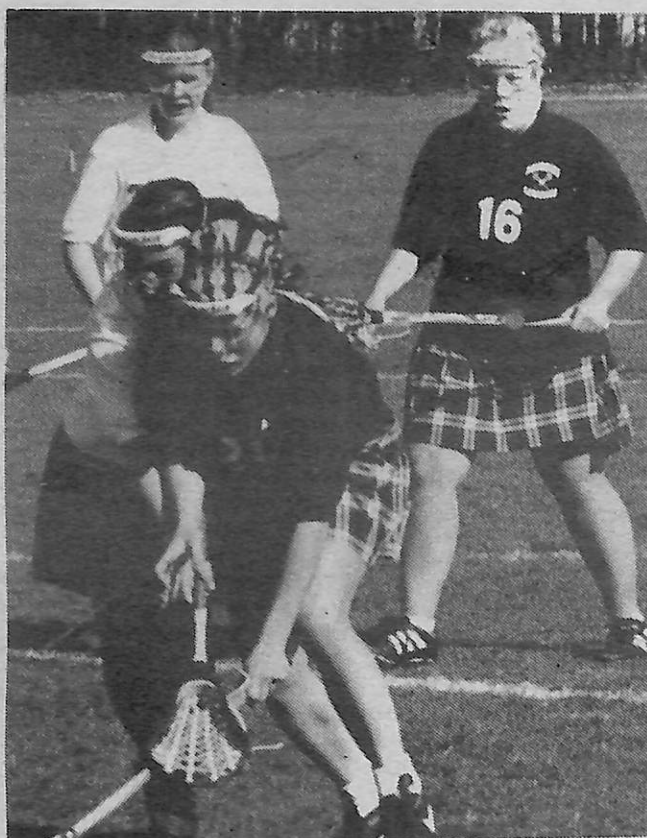
Sara is 17 years-old. She will turn 18 on May 30th. She has spent her four years of secondary education at the High School.

Her curriculum this semester includes advanced placement biology and English, along with fifth year Spanish. She is also on the yearbook staff. Sara is also a two-year member of the National Honor Society. Her favorite course is English. Spanish is a close second. Richard Joseph, her biology instructor, is Sara's top teacher.

In the fall, Sara will attend UMass. At first, she was leaning towards a career as a physician. "Now I'm thinking of getting into the business of fashion marketing. The thought of taking 10 or more years to become a doctor seems a little too much for me right now," she smiled.

Lacrosse is her only sport at AHS. She has been playing it on the club and varsity level for four years. Her most memorable sports moment came when she was a sophomore. "We had gone from a club to a varsity program and we made the playoffs in our first varsity season. That was exciting," she noted.

This season is going great guns so far, according to her. "We're young but skilled, especially when it comes to our passing game. We've played well, even in the Minnechaug loss. We have a good attitude and never give up."



NUMBER 16, Sara Drenzek, of the Agawam High girls' varsity lacrosse team, in recent action for the Brownies.

Sara's favorite food is cheese pizza. She favors the color blue. One day she would like to own a Volkswagen Jetta.

Drew Bledsoe of the New England Patriots is her favorite athlete. She doesn't favor any particular team, however.

When she wants to kick back and relax, Northampton fills the bill. "I like a little place up there called the Fire and Water Cafe," she smiled.

Her taste in clothes runs to the casual. "Baggy jeans, wide leg pants, striped shirts," she said.

Just about anything in music appeals to the senior. "I like the Beastie Boys and Rage Against the Machine when it comes to groups," Sara said.

"South Park" tops her list of offerings on the tube. "Reservoir Dogs" is her favorite flick.

Her mom's name is Joyce. Her dad is Tom. She has two brothers—Tim, who graduated from AHS a couple years ago, and Scott, currently at the Junior High. He'll be a freshman at the High School next year.

"I look up to my parents the most. They've given me just about everything they can give," she said.

How would Sara like to be remembered when her days at AHS are done? "I hope people will realize that I was a good student, that they could talk to me. I also hope my skills as a lacrosse player will be remembered, as well," she said.

Girls' lacrosse Coach Cindy Grieve had this to say about her senior forward. "Sara is a quiet kid who has a very quick stick. She's always around the goal mouth. We look for her to score a bunch of goals for us this year."

First Annual Alumni Track Meet Slated At AHS On Sunday, May 24

The Agawam High School Track Parents' Association is sponsoring the **First Annual Alumni Track Meet** to be held on Sunday, May 24th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (with registration at 12:30 p.m.) at the Agawam High School Track Field.

The cost per alumni or resident athlete is \$3. Admission to the event is \$3 (general admission), \$2 (students with student I.D.), and free for seniors.

Come out and support the Agawam High School boys'/girls' track teams as they compete against former track athletes, other high school students, and residents. There will be pre-

registration forms available at the High School and at the Agawam Library. All forms should be returned by May 10th (with the \$3) to Emily Crough, 55 Dale Avenue, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

This event is a fundraiser for the Agawam High School track teams. All proceeds will be donated to the Track Parents' Association to continue assisting the athletes.

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Brownie Baseball Moves To 4-1 By Stopping Falcons

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

New Agawam High boys' baseball Coach Pete Clark had a plan for Tuesday's game at Minnechaug - split the mound duties up among members of his pitching staff. "I need to get them some game experience," he said. Some of them did. And along the way, the plan turned the 9-6 Agawam win into a nailbiter.

Agawam didn't score in its half of the first inning. However, the Falcons did manage to put one on the board against starter Doug Nooney in their half of the first on a leadoff single and an error for an unearned run.

The second saw Agawam go down in order. Minnechaug got another leadoff single, which translated into another score to lead 2-0 after two.

The Brownies, who came in at 3-1, finally unlimbered their bats in the third. Catcher Andy St. Jean laced a sharp single to left-center. Jay Hanscom fanned. Lead-off man Brady Martin then lofted an off-field shot to right and ended up with a double. St. Jean held up at third. Mike Wing stepped in. The shortstop was looking at a one-out, two men in scoring position situation.

First Brownie Run

Falcon pitcher Kevin Lynch, who'd been cruising, was suddenly experiencing the yips. He put one into the dirt in front of the plate, which handcuffed catcher Josh Bartlett. St. Jean raced home on the wild pitch for the first Brownie run. Wing stepped back in and calmly lifted the next Lynch offering over the left field fence (320 feet away) for a two-run homer.

Nooney shut down Minnechaug in the bottom of the inning. He'd put in his three innings and true to Clark's plan, would not return. The inning ended with Agawam up, 3-2.

Agawam could do nothing in the fourth. New Brownie pitcher (senior) Kyle Gendron shut down the Falcons in the bottom of the inning.

The Brownie half of the fifth saw a tight game turn into a rout. After a lead-off out, Martin drilled a low liner to left. The senior, with some aggressive base running, rounded first and saw the Falcon fielder treat the ball like it was a hand grenade. The little miscue was all Martin needed. He turned it on and pulled up at second.

Wing, up next, was out on a ground ball to second. But his effort sent Martin to third. Lynch, now shaky at best on the hill, began his meltdown. He put another ball in the dust and Martin came home for Agawam's fourth run and second on a wild pitch. The sophomore, his control just a memory now, walked three straight (Austin Kimball, Ryan Progulske, and Bryan O'Quinn) to load the bases.

Falcons' skipper Ray Arra had seen enough - out

went Lynch, in came Tom Fawcett. He promptly walked designated hitter Brian St. Jean, which brought Kimball home to make it 5-2, Agawam.

Third baseman Kevin Cornwell was next. The senior singled, driving in Progulske and O'Quinn while sending St. Jean to third. The other St. Jean, Andy, stepped into the box. He drilled a frozen rope back to the mound that hit Fawcett full in the face and ricocheted to second. It was a base hit that drove Brian St. Jean home. It was also a scary moment. Fawcett had gone down in a thud. He lay motionless on the front of the mound for more than a minute, perhaps unconscious.

Finally, he got up, sporting a nasty gash on his jaw. A new Falcon pitcher ended the Agawam threat, which saw the Brownies send 10 men to the plate and five runs cross it. Gendron allowed no Minnechaug scoring in the bottom of the inning.

Gendron Makes An Impression

Neither club got on the board in the sixth. Gendron set the side down in order in the bottom of that inning, thus ending his duties for the day. The coach was impressed with Gendron's work - three innings pitched, no runs, one hit, one walk. "I'm happy with him. He needed the work and showed well," Clark noted.

Senior Bryan O'Quinn got the nod from Clark to close things out in the seventh. The Brownies were comfortably ahead, 9-2. The day was sunny and balmy. All seemed right with the world. In O'Quinn's defense, he is coming off a severe ankle sprain. He saw time on the mound last year and did well. O'Quinn was a little rusty, to say the least. He walked the lead-off man, then hit two batters, thus loading the bases with no outs to be seen.

A fielder's choice that almost turned into a double play got him one out, but a run also scored. Another walk saw men at the corners with one down. A single brought home another run.

A fielder's choice produced the second out but another run crossed the plate. Another walk and another run saw the score stand at 9-6, Agawam, with two on and the tying run coming to the plate. Clark, figuring O'Quinn had worked enough, took him out and sent junior Kevin Mattson trotting to the hill. Mattson needed one out and got it when the Falcons' hitter popped one up behind the

plate and close to the backstop. Andy St. Jean tracked the ball down as it was blowing in the breeze and stayed with it, preserving the 9-6 Brownie win. Agawam's record rose to 4-1. Minnechaug dropped to 1-5.

Clark smiled later on, "We stuck to our plan, but we didn't want to make the game quite that exciting."

Frosh Girls' Softball Off To Fine Start

The freshman girls' softball team is going to make heads turn and take notice! They started their season off by beating Central and Minnechaug last week.

The mercy rule (15-run lead) ended both games in five innings! This talented group of girls proved too much for both Central and Minnechaug, both defensively and offensively. Nine of the 11 girls on the team have been teammates in the Sacred Heart Athletic Association for the last couple of years.

Coach O'Quinn coaches this talented group of girls. The members of this freshman team consist of Tiffny Blackman, Lisa Blena, Keegan Clark, Caitlin Conte, Jennifer Pietroniro, Danielle Bachini, Laura Bucalo, Jill Humiston, Jennifer Bishop, Jen Gensheimer, and Jennifer Plamondon.

Softball Clinic Slated For Sat., April 25th

A softball clinic will be held on Saturday, April 25th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Agawam High School (fields 2 and 3).

A pitching coach will be on hand to provide instruction.

The fee is \$10 per person, which will be used to help defray the softball team's expenses for its tournament in Cape Cod in May.

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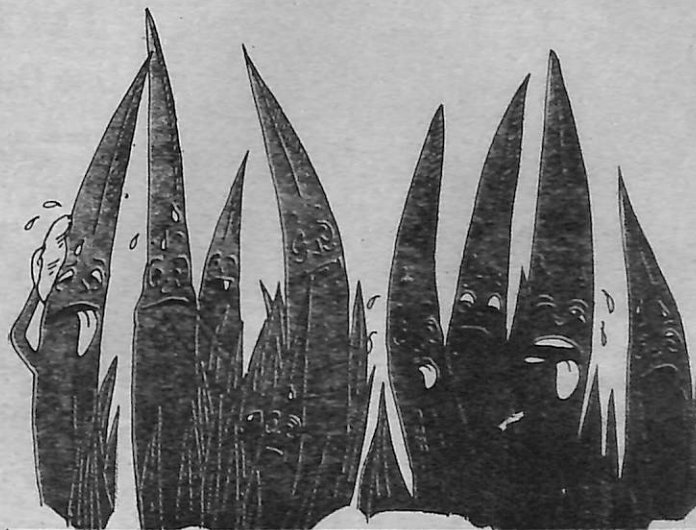
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Sponsored by the Agawam Parks & Recreation Department, the Piranhas are for boys and girls ages five through 18. They meet Monday through Thursday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Agawam Junior High School and Perry Lane Pools.

The fee is \$60 per participant (Agawam/Feeding Hills resident) and \$75 (non-resident).

The season runs the second week of May through the end of July. New swimmers will try out for the program during the first week of May.

YOUTH LACROSSE

Sponsored by the Agawam Parks & Recreation Department, Youth Lacrosse is for boys in grades five through eight. The program will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., beginning April 27th and ending on June 3rd. All games will take place at the Agawam Junior High School field.

The fee is \$35 per participant (which includes a t-shirt). Participants must supply their own lacrosse stick and lacrosse or hockey helmet (with full mask). Instructors: Nick St. George and Bob Young.

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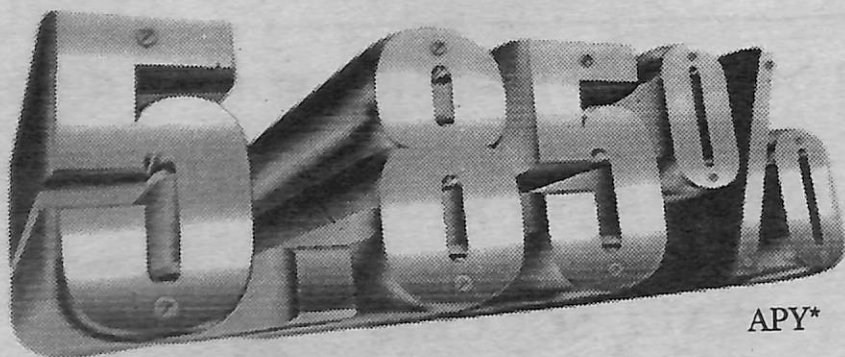
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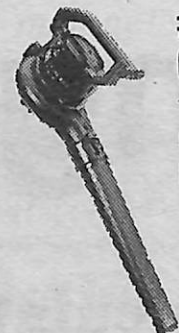


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Pioneer Valley Soccer Round-Up

U11 Girls - Hot Shots

On Thursday, April 16th, the Hot Shots played their second game. We were scheduled for 6:45 and it was cloudy, so daylight was a factor in finishing the game. It was close to game time and we didn't see our opponent, Holyoke, but they appeared just in time for the game.

The Hot Shots didn't waste any time, and within three minutes we scored our first goal. Like the last game, it was a game where they would never look back. The momentum of this game allowed us to move the girls into positions we otherwise would not.

This caused the Hot Shots to be a little confused and less organized, which was expected, but it also showed us that some girls can step up to the challenge of playing multiple positions when called on. Our team is a little short on keepers, so we even put one of our sweepers in the goal and she did great!

The Hot Shots won 9-1. Way to go, Hot Shots!

U11 Girls - Tigers

The U13 Agawam Tigers split their two Division I games this past week in girls' Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League action to see their record go to 2-2.

On Thursday, April 9th, the Tigers faced powerhouse East Longmeadow at EL High School, and lost, 3-1. It was the 76th Pioneer Valley game without a loss for EL.

EL came out and maintained a high level of intensity from start to finish. The Tigers were pinned in their own end for most of the first half. Only the spectacular play of goalie Vicky Taylor, who faced shots from virtually every angle possible, kept EL in check.

The Tigers actually scored the game's first goal at the 12:00 minute mark after their first serious rush up the field. Pressure from the Tigers' forwards forced the EL fullback to send an illegal pass back to the goalie, thereby giving the Tigers a direct kick from point blank range. Center halfback Whitney Brown rifled a shot off the left post. The rebound came back to Whitney and her return volley was tapped in by wing Meaghan Brown.

EL then increased the pressure and scored two goals before the half ended. Vicky Taylor had no chance on either.

The second half saw the Tigers play better. Fullbacks Tricia Fitchben and Danielle Cirillo had monster games, and fullbacks Sherri Laskowski, Kaitlin Sardella, and sweeper Kim Hoague were in the middle of the fray as EL attacked and attacked some more. EL scored its last goal with four minutes left.

On Saturday, April 18th, the Tigers pretty much dominated West Springfield, 2-1, in a game that wasn't as close as the score indicated.

After a scoreless first half where the Tigers kept constant pressure on West Side, the Tigers scored early in the second half. Wing Kaitlin Sardella stole the ball in the deep corner and sent a nice pass to Melissa Savenko, who then tapped a nice feed to wing Meaghan Brown for the score.

A bit later, halfback Aimee Beaudette lofted in a shot over the goalie's head from 25 yards out for what proved to be the game-winning goal. West Side spoiled goalie Vicky Taylor's shutout by scoring on a 40-yard blast with five seconds left.

Center fullback Danielle Cirillo and fullbacks Tricia Fitchben and Sherri Laskowski had strong games, as did halfback Aimee Beaudette. Halfbacks Jen Sharpe, Ellen Rannenbergh, Whitney Brown, and Nicole Gendreau helped the Tigers to control the all-important midfield.

U10 Boys - Agawam Vipers

The first two games of the season were nailbiters for the Vipers' parents. On Thursday, the Vipers faced an experienced West Springfield team on Clark Field. The boys battled to a scoreless first half, with the Vipers' sweepers and defense sending back several fine attempts by West Springfield.

Jonathan McGeoghan made several fine saves in goal and managed to boot the ball back into West Side territory three times. The second half saw the Vipers concentrating on teamwork and passing, which resulted in a nice goal by Jeff Lagasse off a pass from left wing Jim Valenti.

With five minutes to go, a flurry of activity in front of the Agawam goal was stopped by Dan Cosgrove defending, and Ben Brusio the goaltender. The game ended 1-0 in favor of the Vipers.

On Sunday, the Vipers faced a very tough Ludlow team that had beat them in the past. The game was up and down during the first half, with both teams having several chances. Finally, Jim Valenti scored on a blistering left-foot shot over the Ludlow goalie's right shoulder to give the Vipers a 1-0 lead.

The lead didn't last long, however, as a determined Ludlow team came right back and scored their own goal, making it 1-1. Vipers' center Carlo Ronca took a nice clearing pass from the defense and deftly dribbled between two Ludlow defenders, putting the ball into the net to make it 2-1, Vipers. Ludlow fought back in the second half, tying the score again with fine passing from their forwards.

With 10 minutes to play, Joshua Matt passed up to Mike Uzar, who charged up the right wing and (with pinpoint accuracy) split the defense with a pass to Jeff Lagasse, who put in the final goal of the game: Agawam 3, Ludlow 2.

The final minutes of the game were dominated by the Agawam defense, who turned back every Ludlow attempt to get the ball downfield.

U11 Boys - Annihilators

The Agawam Annihilators went into a tough third game against the Ludlow Spauldings. With hefty wind against them, the Spauldings scored the first goal of the game. Strong effort was performed by defensemen Justin Robinson, Tommy Mercadante, and Corey Paquette, but the Spauldings couldn't hold back at scoring their second goal of the game.

The second half of the game was quite a challenge as defensemen Chase Sardella and Mike Santos kept the Spauldings away from the goal. Halfbacks Dan Serna, Nick Cressentini, and Joe Deluca kept their forwards Nick Gruska, Joe Carracciolo, Jordan Buiso, and Ryan Harlow busy as attempts to score were made but were bypassed by the Spauldings' strong defense.

Mat Footit had strong saves to protect his goal, but the Spauldings came out on top with a breaking goal to give them a 3-0 win with the Annihilators' first loss.

The Agawam Annihilators played hard and aggressive on Saturday against Holy Cross. During the first half, Holy Cross scored first but only after many attempts were stopped by defensemen Chase Sardella, Mike Santos, and Dan Serna. Mat Footit saved those attempts with his quick grabs. Holy Cross was a little more aggressive at this point and scored another goal to give them a 2-0 lead.

Agawam's defensive players Joe Deluca, Joe Carracciolo, Jordan Buiso, and Nick Gruska were not about to go scoreless. With outstanding passing and good footwork, Jordan Buiso scored for the Annihilators, with an assist from Joe Carracciolo. Within five minutes, Agawam worked its way right back to that net with the help of Tommy Mercadante, Corey Paquette, Nick Cressentini, and Justin Robinson, where Joe Carracciolo capitalized with a beautiful shot to the goal with the assist from Joe Deluca, making it a 2-2 game.

During the second half, Agawam (with only one sub) gave it their all and goalie Mat Footit tried to defend the net against a penalty shot, but it was just out of reach. This gave Holy Cross a 3-2 lead.

The Annihilators were much more aggressive in the second half, with several attempts for a goal. Joe Carracciolo, Joe Deluca, Dan Serna, Nick Gruska, and Justin Robinson had some great defensive moves, and Nick Cressentini, Chase Sardella, Mike Santos, Corey Paquette, and Tommy Mercadante had great hustle and quick feet. But, as hard as they tried, another goal was not in sight for Agawam. The final score was 4-2.

Thanks to Bill Footit for his excellent coaching skills and discipline of this team; we, as parents, really appreciate this.

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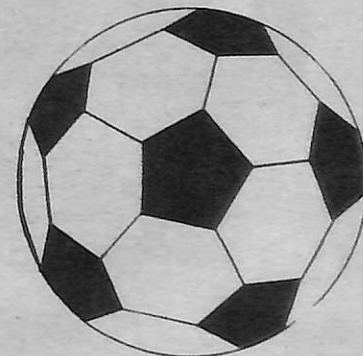
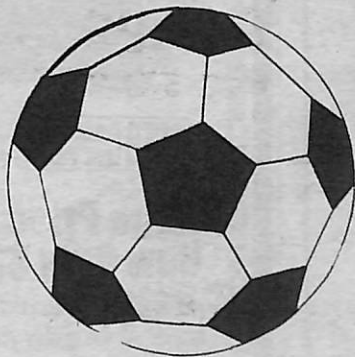
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by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Here's To Bert And Jessie...

All good things must come to an end. For the first time in 23 years, I fished the Scantic River in Somers alone. Alone in a crowd, that is.

For 22 years, fishing buddies Bert and Jessie plus myself, enjoyed an opening day rivalry that had become legendary. Poor Jessie is now crippled and can't walk around anymore, and dear friend Bert suffered from kidney failure and is on daily dialysis.

Every year, we had celebrated opening day in Connecticut by having our own private trout derby. The last one of the three to catch his limit of trout had to buy breakfast for himself and the other two.

Each year, we arrived over an hour early, each staking out his favorite pool on the river. Every year, we had the "Winner's Breakfast" at what is now Rosie's Breakfast and Lunch in Somers. We went through four different owners over the years, and each new owner had been told of the opening day eatathon by the previous owner.

Friend Jessie had the dubious distinction of having lost 19 out of 22 years, suffering a discouraging, 17-year consecutive losing streak! Bert and I became so confident in Jessie's losing, that we would go into training to insure that we could eat a tremendous breakfast at Jessie's expense.

A couple of years ago, Jessie's bragging about his fishing ability really got out of hand, and precipitated one of the most elaborate practical jokes of all time. A month or so before opening day, Bert and I paid a visit to the restaurant and set up the joke on Jessie.

Somehow, in the dark of night, every few miles along the back roads from Jessie's house in Woodstock, signs popped up pointing the way to the 20th annual Jessie Buys Breakfast Trout Derby. By the time he got to the Scantic, he was so flustered that he could barely thread the fishing line through the guides of his rod.

At 3:30 opening morning, Bert and I had delivered fresh lobsters to the diner. The waitress was clued in as to what was about to happen. A tape recorder was affixed to the underside of the table that we would sit at and a microphone was concealed in the napkin holder. The restaurant's security camera was trained on the table, and we then showed up at our fishing hole at the appointed hour.

Naturally, Jessie lost again, and when it was time to order, Bert ordered the farm breakfast. Four eggs, hash, bacon, toast, and a stack of pancakes. As an aside, Bert quipped that since Jessie was paying again, that a lobster dinner would make for a fine dessert. I chimed in that I would have the same as Bert.

After the first round of bacon and eggs, Jessie put down his fork, held up a fist in Bert's face, and said, "It's a good thing they don't serve lobster, or I would have to pop you one." Right on cue, the waitress appeared with two steaming twin lobster dinners!

Poor Jessie went into orbit! He came right out of his chair, pointing to the twin lobster dinners, screaming, "That's a ***** lobster! That's a ***** lobster!"

After assuring him that he was correct, we offered that he should have ordered one for himself. (We really weren't going to make him pay for lobster, but he didn't know that.)

After receiving a phony bill for almost \$100 for breakfast, he really went off, reneging on the bet, condemning the two of us to eternal, fishless damnation, etc.

Right on cue, the owner and the waitress joined us, along with a couple of other fishermen that the waitress had recruited. In unison, we chanted, "You're elected, you're selected, it's your lucky

day! Smile, you're on Candid Camera!" We all pointed to the security camera and exposed the microphone in the napkin holder.

"Omygod," said Jessie, "I said ***** on television. This is ***** embarrassing. Oops." Alas, the nonexistent episode never aired. We told Jessie that it was his use of "non-family-oriented language" that must have kept it off the air.

The good weather brought an opening day crowd that was almost elbow-to-elbow along the stream. I half-heartedly stuffed my last trout into the creel and drove over to Rosie's diner for the last time. Somehow, breakfast didn't taste the same, and I seemed to have lost my famous appetite. It wasn't just about catching fish; it was about three good friends and over 20 years of camaraderie and swapping practical jokes. It was a special bond that I sadly miss.

Those two aren't off the hook completely, though. I'm thinking of FedEx-ing them a frozen

trout with their get-well cards.

FISH REPORT

Congamond Lakes, along with Five Mile Pond, have been stocked with Brookstock Atlantic Salmon. Some lucky trout fishermen are going to get one whale of a surprise when a 15-pound Atlantic takes their offering.

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SHAD AND STRIPERS IN RIVER

The first slug of shad are being taken on shad darts at the mouth of the Chicopee River. Some school-sized stripers are milling around there also. Larger stripers have not made it up this far yet, but are being taken below Windsor Locks, to the mouth of the river in Old Saybrook. Surface poppers, swimming plugs, and of course live herring are scoring well.

The big stripers should start to show up here in a couple of weeks.

AAA Plans Suburban Hoop Sign-Up

The Agawam Athletic Association will hold sign-ups for the 1998-1999 Suburban & CYO Basketball season on Monday, May 4th, at the Captain Charles Leonard House in Agawam Center, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Sign-Ups will be for the following boys' and girls' teams - 5th/6th grade A & B boys; 5th/6th grade A & B girls; 7th/8th grade A & B boys; 7th/8th grade A &

B girls.

There will be no fees collected at the sign-up. Representatives of the AAA will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

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White Knights Defeat Yellow Yackets To Win 1998 Basketball Championships

The first place Agawam boys' grade three and four White Knights (9-1) went head-to-head against the second place Yellow Jackets (8-2) for the 1998 Basketball Championship.

Both teams battled earlier in the season with the White Knights winning by just one point on a late basket. In the first half of the championship game both teams played very well at both ends of the court, with the Yellow Jackets taking a three-point lead at halftime.

The third quarter saw the White Knights tie the game with great defensive pressure. In the final quarter, the White Knights went on to win 25-15 to

become the **1998 Basketball Champions**.

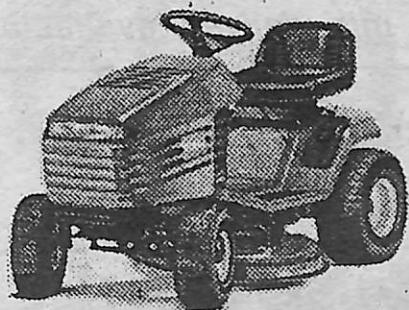
Knights guard Emil Nasti played excellent on defense and was the game's top scorer with eight points. Knights guard Joseph Greaney's aggressive defensive play led to several steals while his six points (four from the free throw line late in the fourth quarter) helped ice the game.

(Special thanks to Mary Keller, Director of Recreation, Thomas Locke, League Commissioner, Ralph Hyers, Commissioner, the referees (they all did an outstanding job all season long), and supporting staff for all their hard work and dedication. Your efforts were greatly appreciated. Thank you.)

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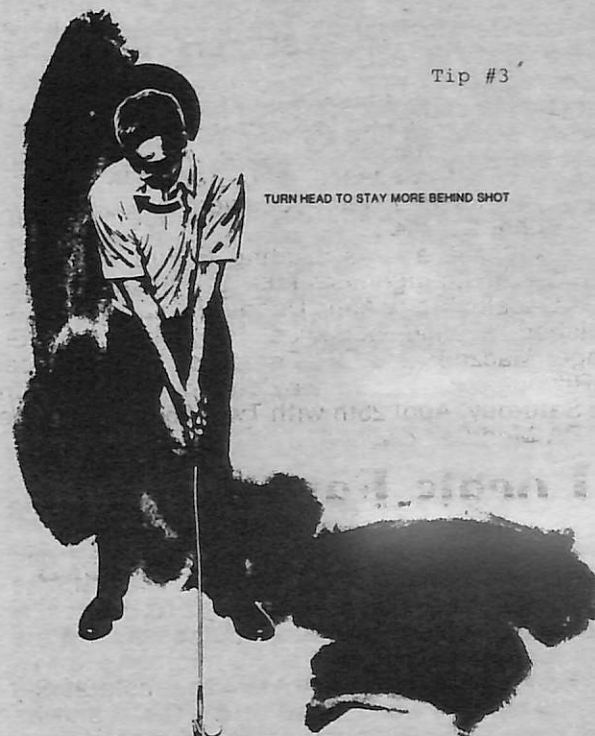
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Mike Ordway Wins 75-Lap ISMA Feature At Riverside Speedway

Mike Ordway of Fremont, New Hampshire made history Saturday night by winning the 75-lap International Super Modified Association (ISMA) feature at Riverside Park Speedway. Gee Perry also made history by winning the first-ever Teddy Bear Pools Truck race.

Ordway, who started third, moved up quick and led for much of the fast-paced 75-lapper. Ordway survived a three-car accident on lap 30 and maintained his lead on the restart. Although engine problems claimed several drivers after the 50-lap mark, Ordway remained strong and took the checkered flag by several car lengths. Scott Martel finished second, followed by Mike Douglas, Joe Gusak, and Randy Ritskes in fifth place.

Gee Perry of Granby, Connecticut put his name in the record books as the winner of the first-ever Teddy Bear Pools Truck race at Riverside Park. Perry, the 1995 late model division champion, piloted his Artoli Dodge Ram masterfully after winning his heat race and starting the race on the pole. Chuck Docherty of Springfield took second place, EJ Legacy took third, and 1997 Strictly Stock division champ Mike Salmond of Ludlow came in fourth. Wilbraham native Brian Merchant rounded out the top five in this inaugural event.

Also in action on this pleasant spring evening was the Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stock division. Rich Vasseur drove his Porter & Chester Institute Pontiac into Victory Lane. Vasseur won after many close laps between himself, second place finisher Eddy Carroll and Barry Gray, who crashed on lap 36.

Gray and Vasseur spent much of the 40-lap race side-by-side followed by Carroll until lapped traffic became a factor and Gray crashed in turn three. Jim Mavlouganis, who started in the 11th position, finished third, followed by Tom Fearn and Bennett Fuller.

Finally, the always exciting Figure 8 division saw Brian Montgomery take the 20-lap feature after passing Betty Anne Dobosz in lap 19. Dobosz finished second, followed by Bobby Pinette, Roger Macznik, and Eric Comstock in fifth place.

Riverside Park Speedway continues its season on Saturday, April 25th with Twin 35 races for the NAPA Modified division.

Locals Earn Athletic Awards And Letters At Suffield Academy

At the Athletic Awards Assembly held at Suffield Academy on April 2nd, the following Agawam and Feeding Hills students were honored with special awards and varsity letters:

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Varsity Letter: Sarah Cowan of Agawam.

Boys' Swimming/Diving

Varsity Letter: Jeffrey Rivkin of Agawam.

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Class of 1981 Award: Katherine Kilrain of Feeding Hills.

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Registration On May 7th For Agawam Wiffleball League

On March 9th, the Springfield Turnverein announced that they will be forming a Wiffleball League this summer. A total of nine fields will be built on the upper grounds of the Turnverein, which is located off of Garden Street in Agawam.

Kurt Walther, President of the Springfield Turnverein, has appointed Dean Hoppe as Wiffleball Commissioner. Dean has played wiffleball his whole life and travels throughout New England playing in tournaments.

Wiffleball started in 1952 in Fairfield, Connecticut, when 12 year-old David Mullany and his friends couldn't find anywhere to play baseball. For a time, they played with a tennis ball in the backyard until they smashed an outdoor light on the house.

They discarded the tennis ball for a perforated plastic golf ball, and used a sawed-off broom handle for a bat. It worked, but the small ball was difficult to pitch.

David's father began experimenting with molded plastic spheres that were designed to hold cosmetics. He came up with a design that has eight elongated holes and curves wickedly when thrown properly. The wiffleball was born (the name comes from the word "wiff," which is slang for strikeout), and is still manufactured by the Mullany family in Shelton, Connecticut.

A meeting for registration will be held at the Springfield Turnverein on May 7th at 7:00 p.m. A Jamboree is planned for May 30th, which will feature a Home Run Derby.

The season will begin during the first week of June, and a two-day Tournament is also planned for August 8th and 9th (where teams from throughout New England will come to compete).

If you have any questions regarding rules and/or want more information, please call Dean at 789-3677. Hope to see you at the registration on May 7th at the Springfield Turnverein.

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Fitness First To Hold Bike Clinic On Saturday, May 2nd

Prepare yourself and your bike for one of the best three-season sports in New England! Whether you like to challenge yourself in the parks, travel the bike path in Northampton, bike to work, or just take the kids for a ride around the block, you can benefit from this bike clinic.

Fitness First in Feeding Hills will be holding a bike clinic in conjunction with Aggressive Tread Bike Shop (of West Springfield) on Saturday, May 2nd from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. The free clinic will be held in the club parking lot on North Westfield Street and will be geared for any age cyclist. Children and adults who enjoy cycling should bring their bikes and helmets to the clinic for free fittings and free safety inspections.

Jon Benerakis from Aggressive Tread will go over basic rules on and off road, the importance of a warm-up, a cool-down, proper fitting helmets, and tune-ups. He will also be going over the difference between a mountain bike, hybrid street bench bike, etc. Samples of these bikes will be on hand.

Helmets will be on sale at the clinic. Tune-ups will be conducted at a discounted rate of only \$14.95 (\$30 value).

For further information, you may contact Fitness First at 786-1460 or Aggressive Tread at 734-3678.

Organizational Day Slated For Men's Senior Golf League

The organizational day for the Agawam Men's Senior Golf League will be Thursday, April 30th.

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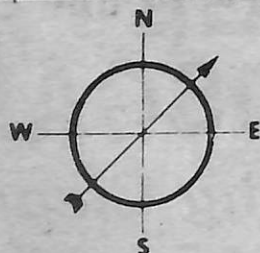
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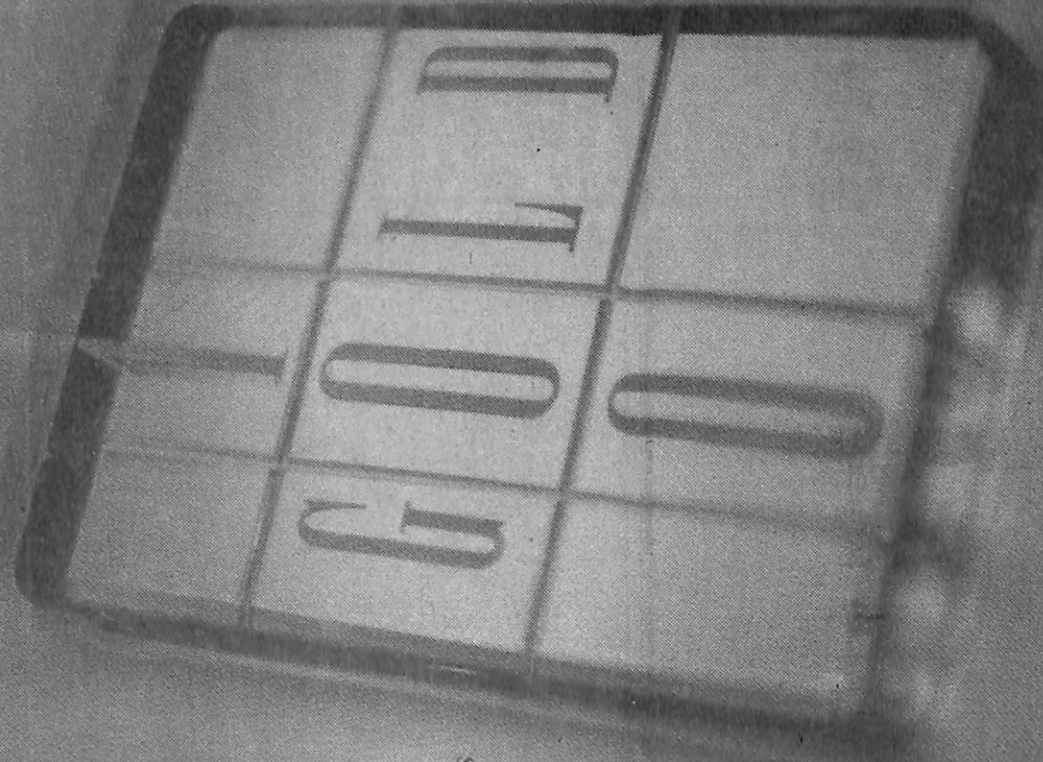
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